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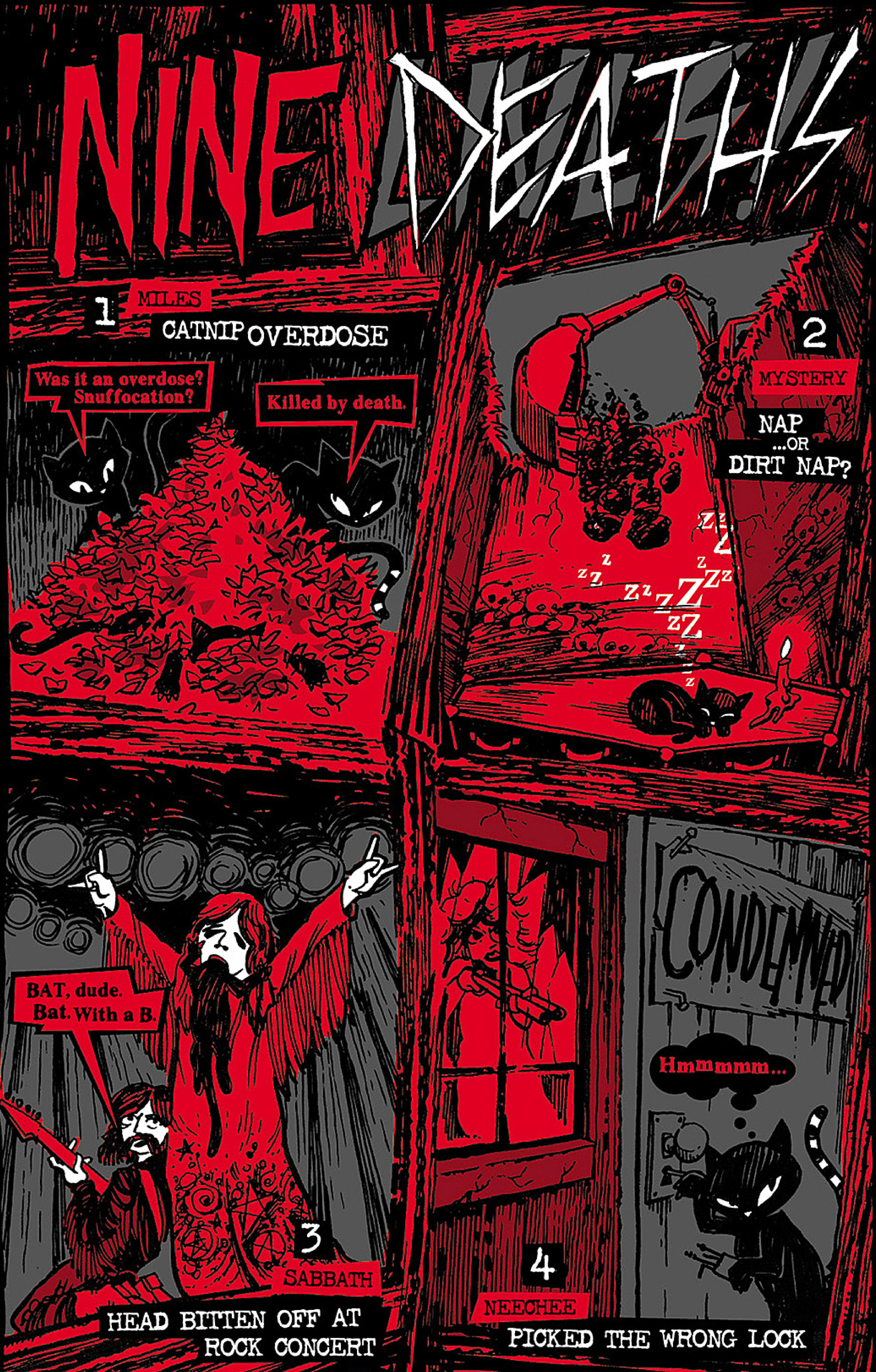
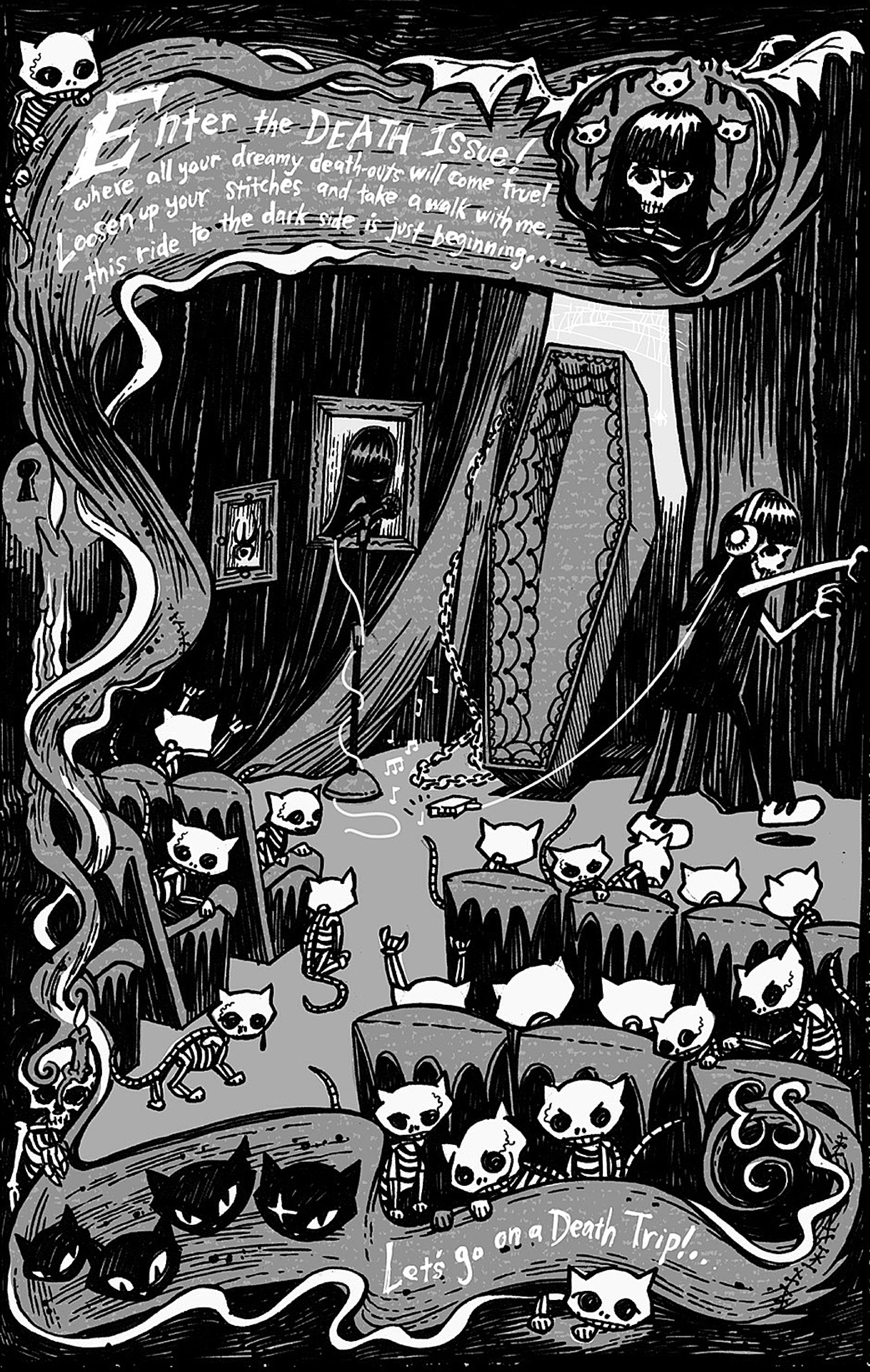
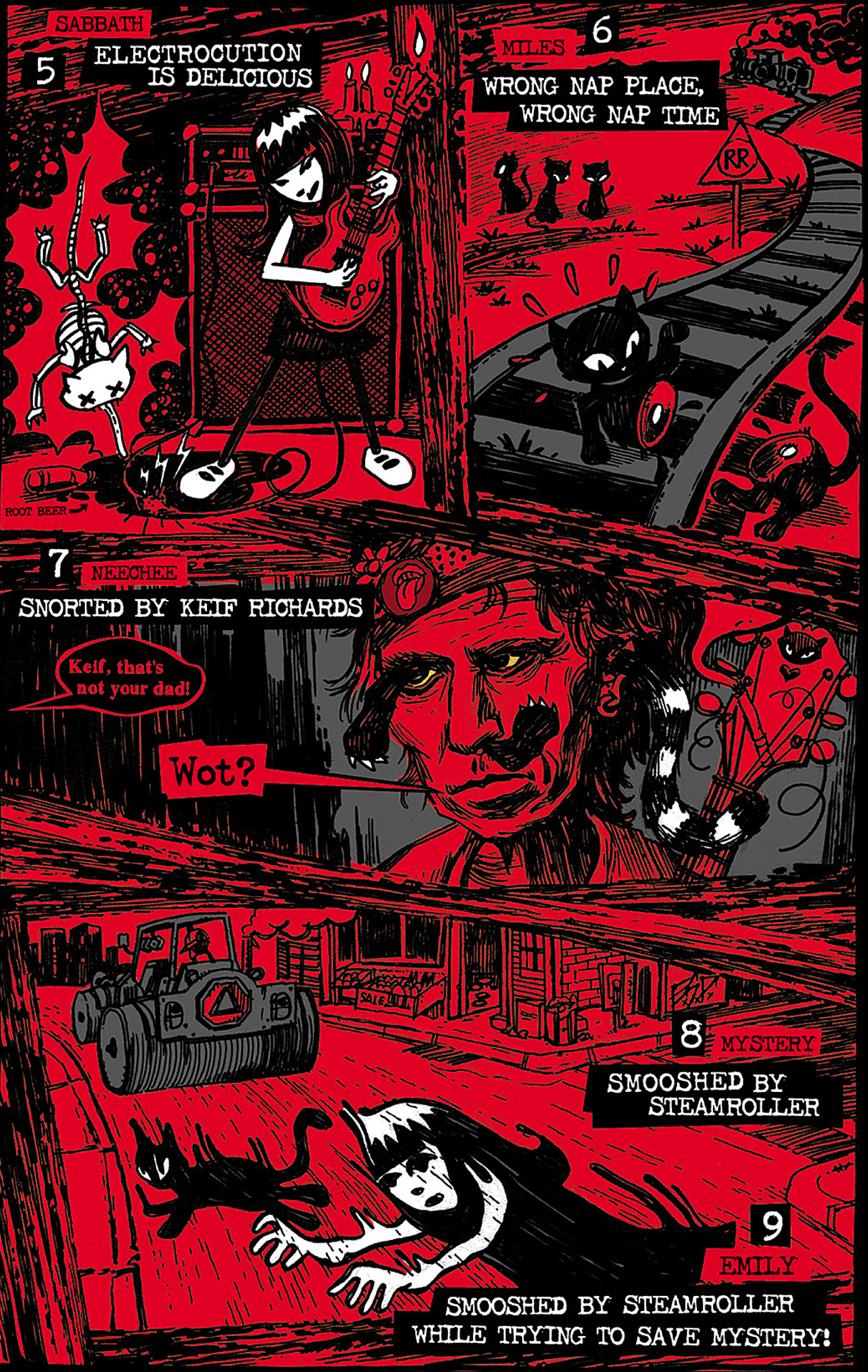
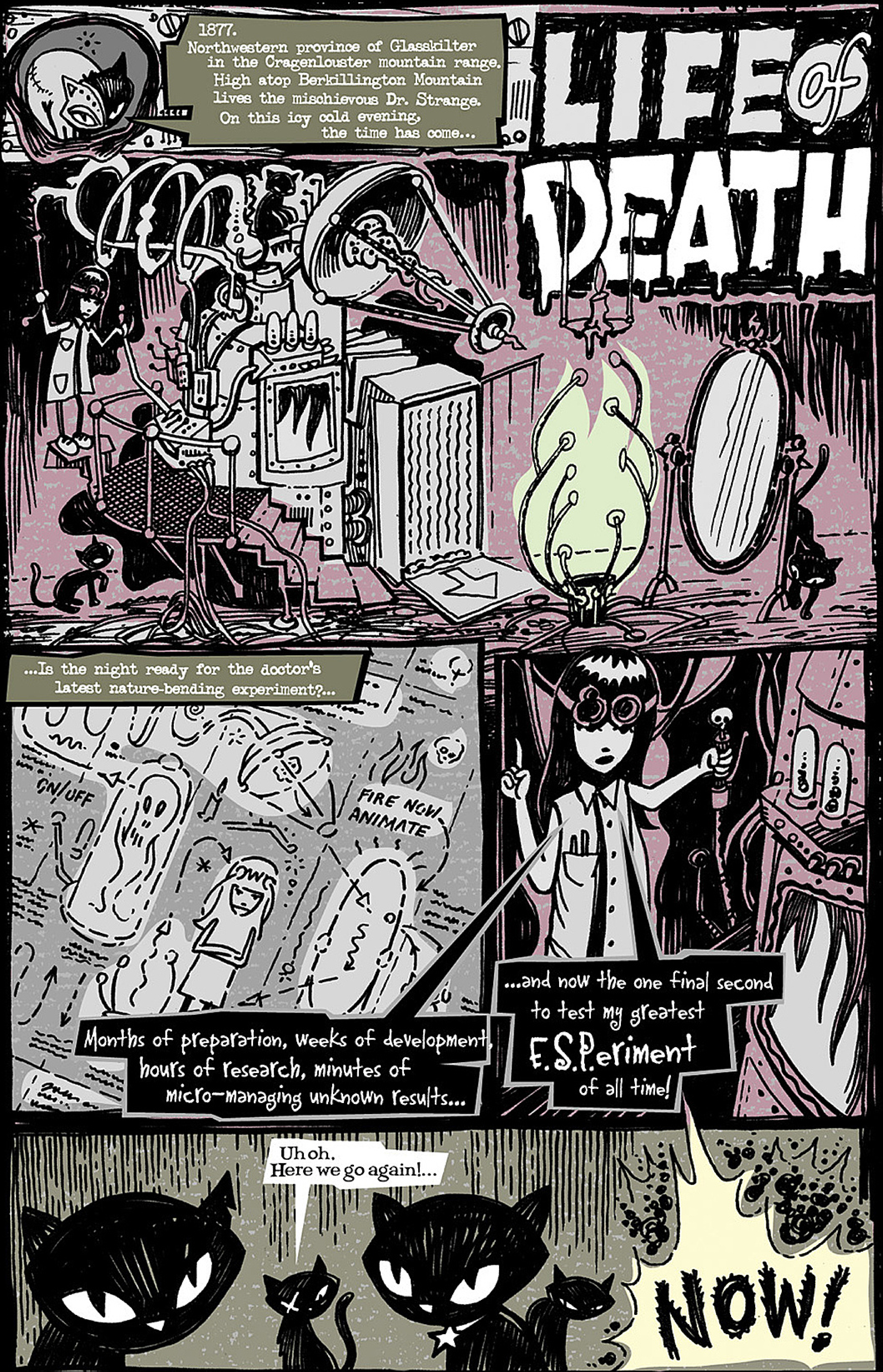
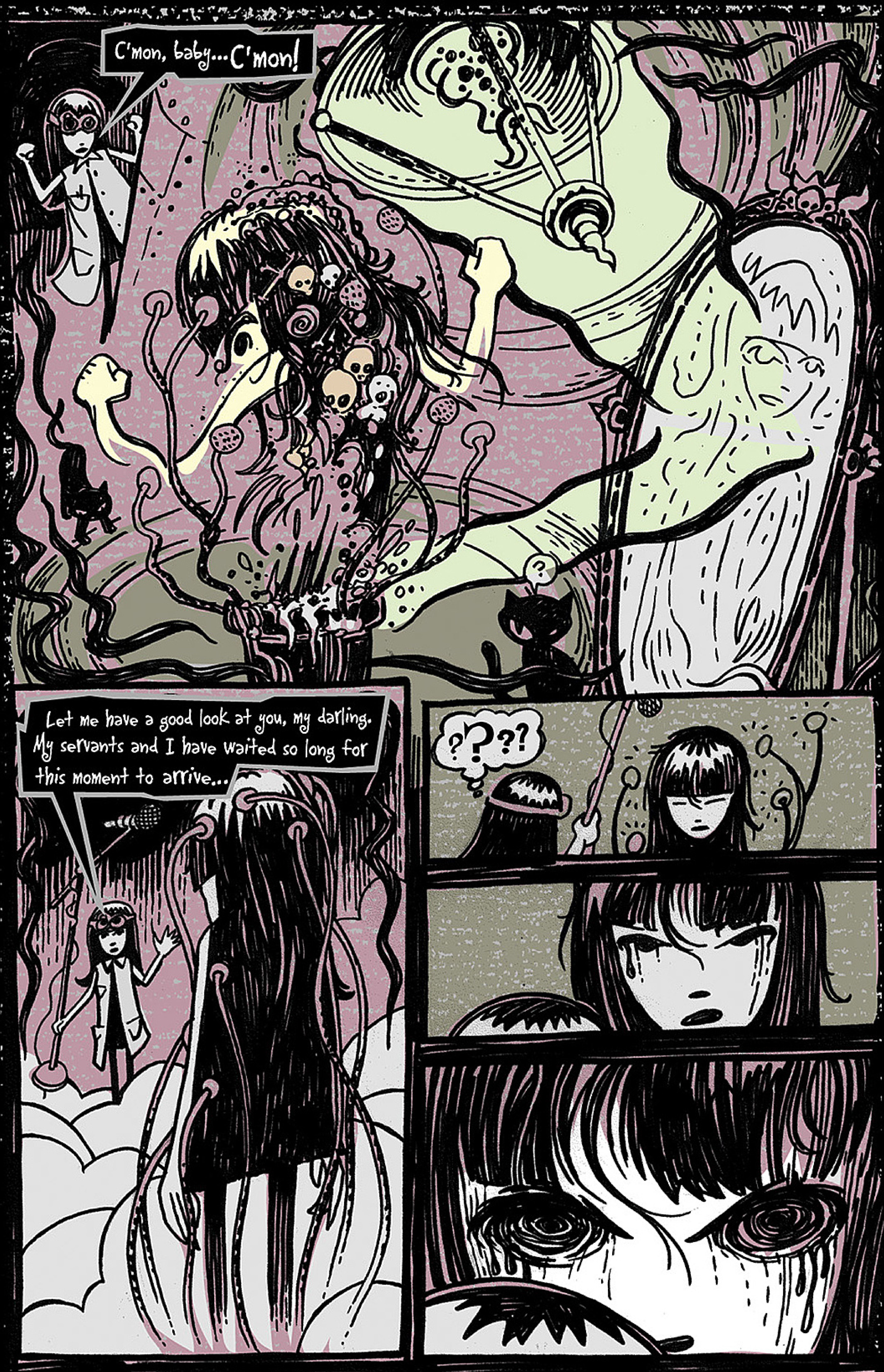
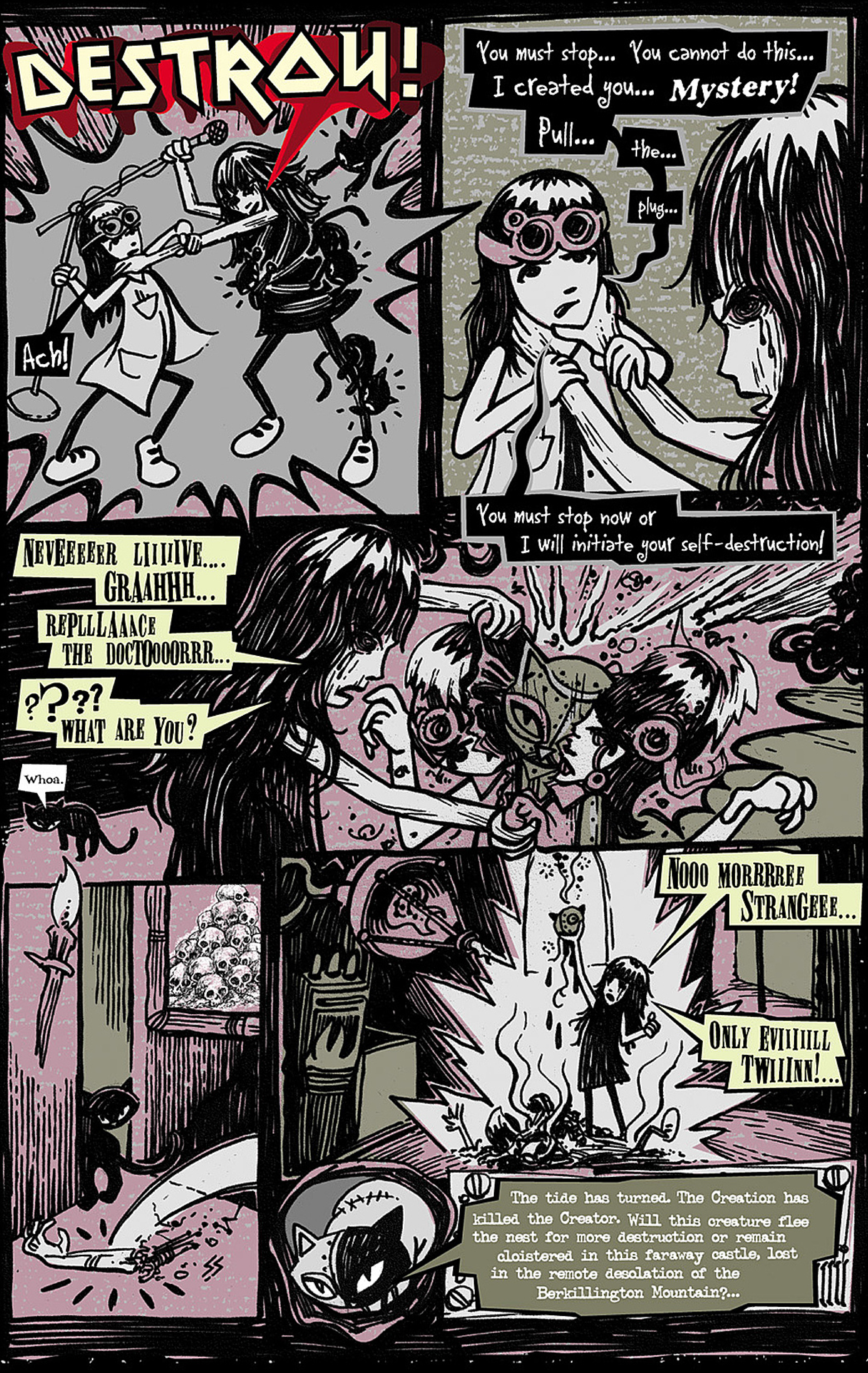

NINE DEATHS
1
MILES
CATNIP OVERDOSE
Was it an overdose? Snuffocation?
Killed by death.
2
MYSTERY
NAP ...OR DIRT NAP?
Z z z Z Z z Z
BAT, dude. Bat. With a B.
3
SABBATH
HEAD BITTEN OFF AT ROCK CONCERT
CONDEMNED
Hmmmmm...
4
NEECHEE
PICKED THE WRONG LOCK

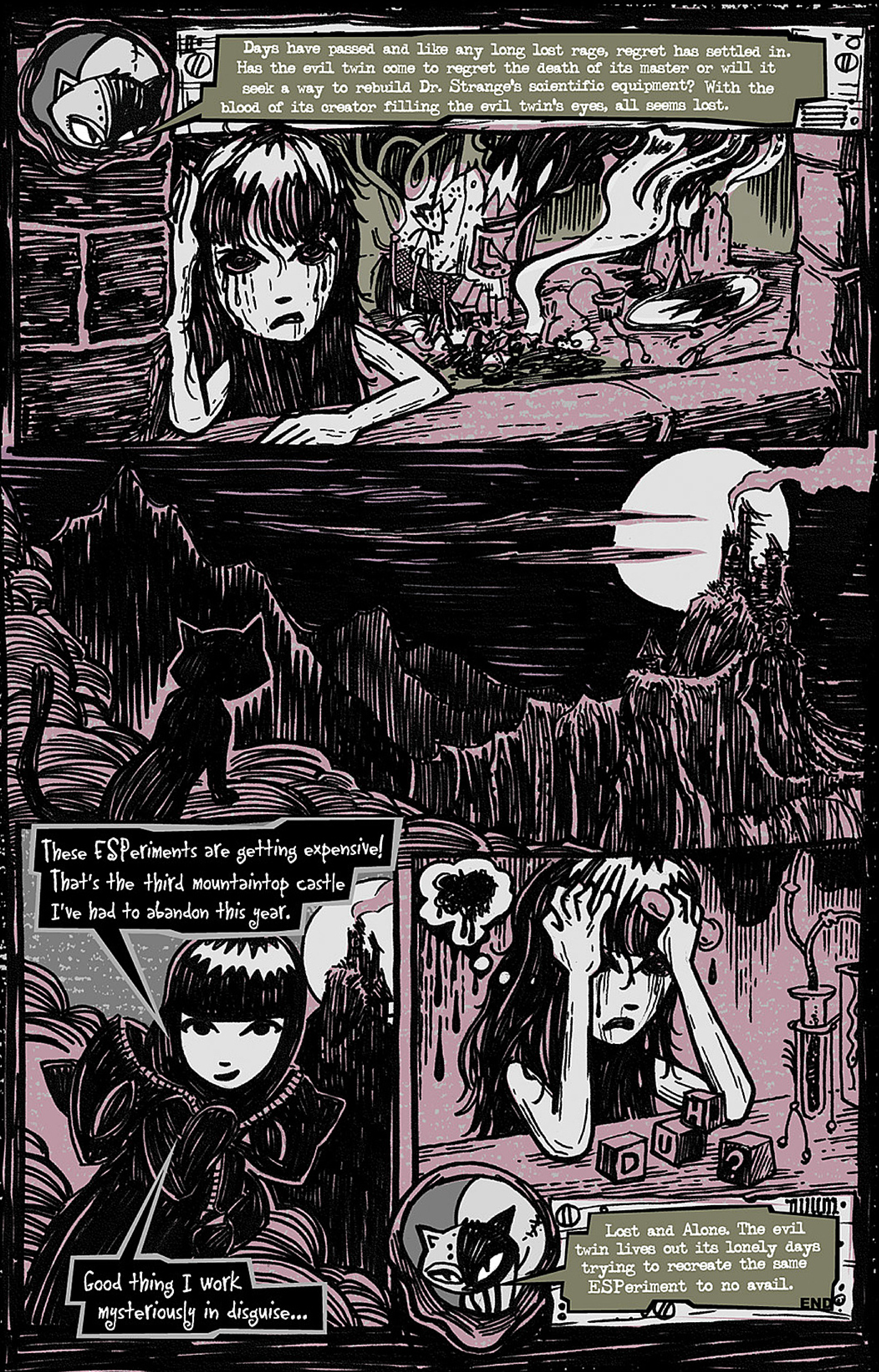

Enter the DEATH Issue!
where all your dreamy death-outs will come true!
Loosen up your stitches and take a walk with me,
this ride to the dark side is just beginning.....
ES
Let's go on a Death Trip!..

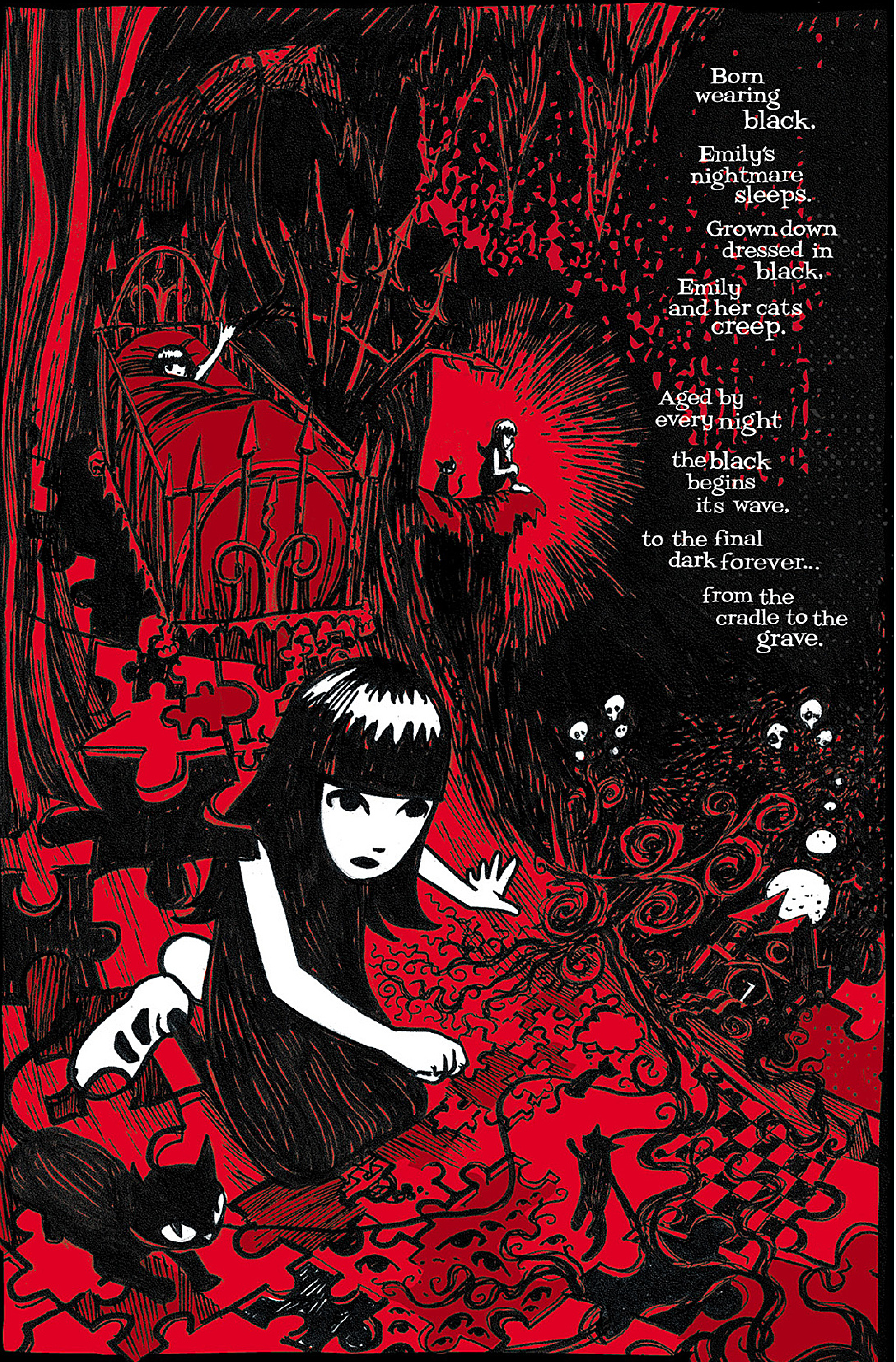

SABBATH
5
ELECTROCUTION IS DELICIOUS
ROOT BEER
MILES
6
WRONG NAP PLACE, WRONG NAP TIME
RR
7
NEECHEE
SNORTED BY KEIF RICHARDS
Keif, that's not your dad!
Wot?
SALE
8
MYSTERY
SMOOSHED BY STEAMROLLER
9
EMILY
SMOOSHED BY STEAMROLLER WHILE TRYING TO SAVE MYSTERY!


LIFE of DEATH
1877.
Northwestern province of Glasskilter in the Cragenlouster mountain range. High atop Berkillington Mountain lives the mischievous Dr. Strange. On this icy cold evening, the time has come...
...Is the night ready for the doctor's latest nature-bending experiment?...
ON/OFF
FIRE NOW ANIMATE
Months of preparation, weeks of development, hours of research, minutes of micro-managing unknown results...
...and now the one final second to test my greatest E.S.P.eriment of all time!
Uh oh. Here we go again!...
NOW!


C'mon, baby...C'mon!
?
Let me have a good look at you, my darling. My servants and I have waited so long for this moment to arrive...
????

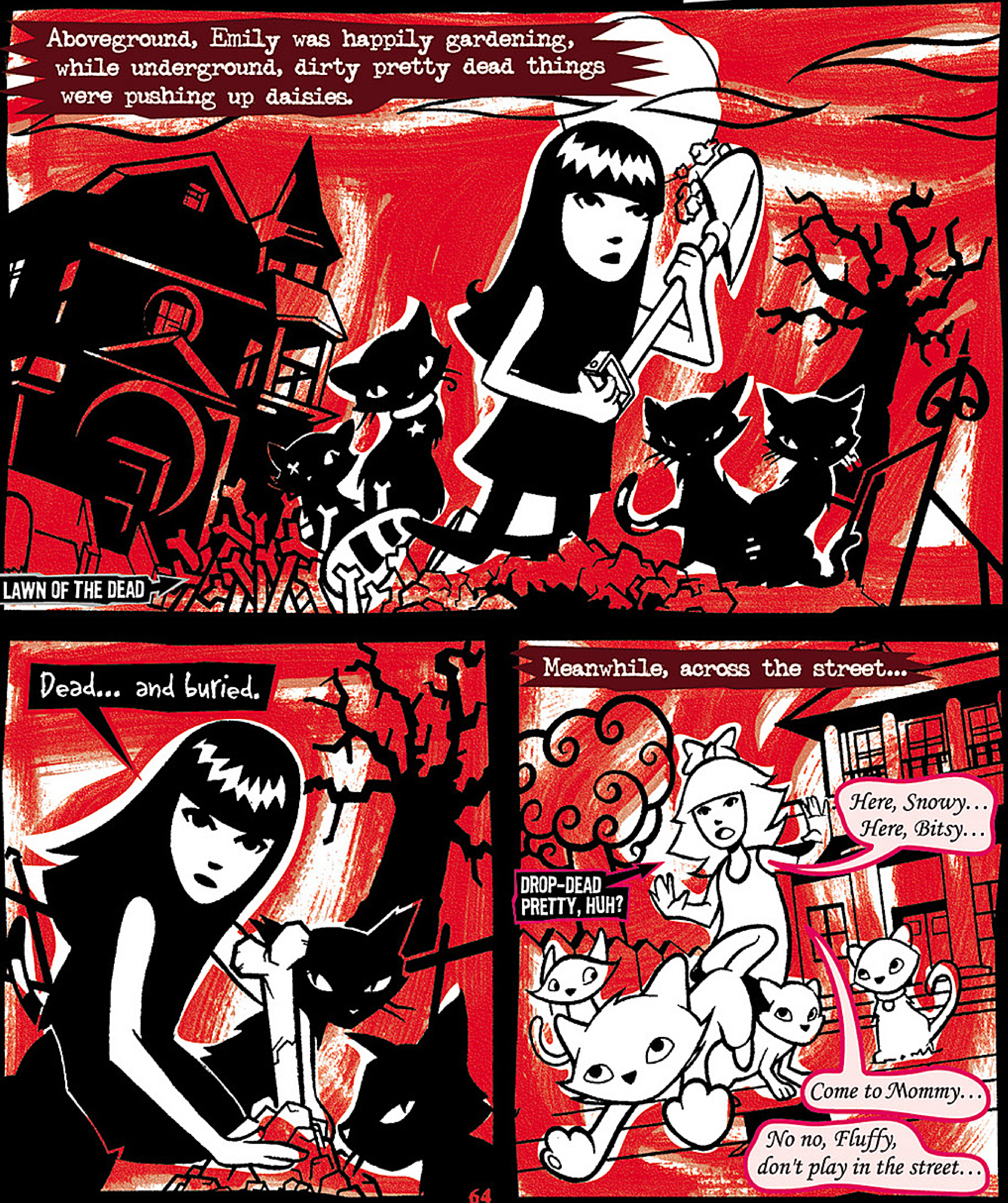

DESTROY!
Ach!
You must stop... You cannot do this... I created you... Mystery!
Pull...
the...
plug...
You must stop now or I will initiate your self-destruction!
NEVEEEEER LIIIIIVE.... GRAAHHH...
REPLLLAAACE THE DOCTOOOORRR...
??? WHAT ARE YOU?
Whoa.
NOOO MORRRREE STRANGEEE...
ONLY EVIIIIILL TWIIINN!...
The tide has turned. The Creation has killed the Creator. Will this creature flee the nest for more destruction or remain cloistered in this faraway castle, lost in the remote desolation of the Berkillington Mountain?...

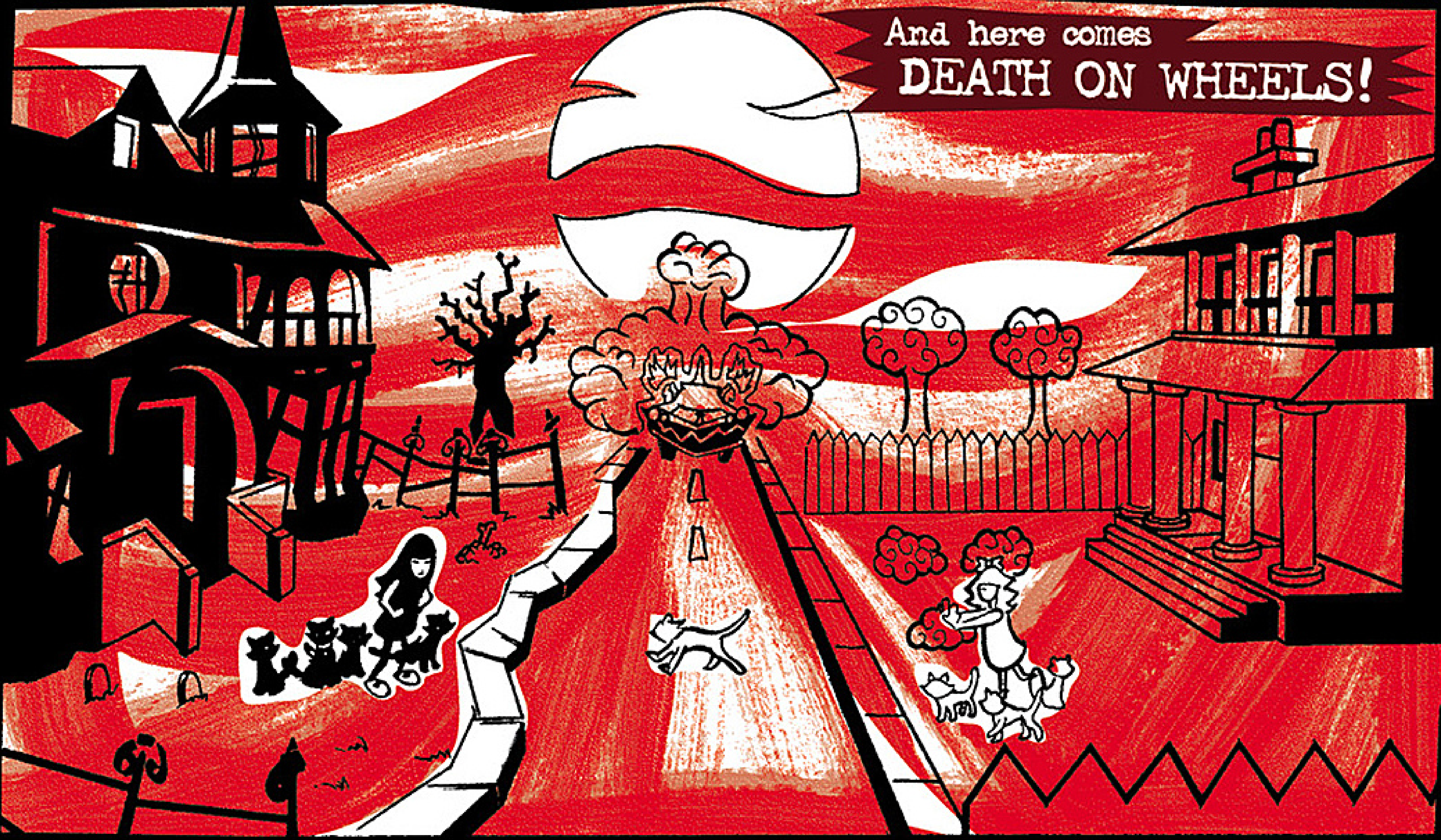

Days have passed and like any long lost rage, regret has settled in. Has the evil twin come to regret the death of its master or will it seek a way to rebuild Dr. Strange's scientific equipment? With the blood of its creator filling the evil twin's eyes, all seems lost.
These ESPeriments are getting expensive! That's the third mountaintop castle I've had to abandon this year.
Good thing I work mysteriously in disguise...
H
D
U
?
Lost and Alone. The evil twin lives out its lonely days trying to recreate the same ESPeriment to no avail.
END

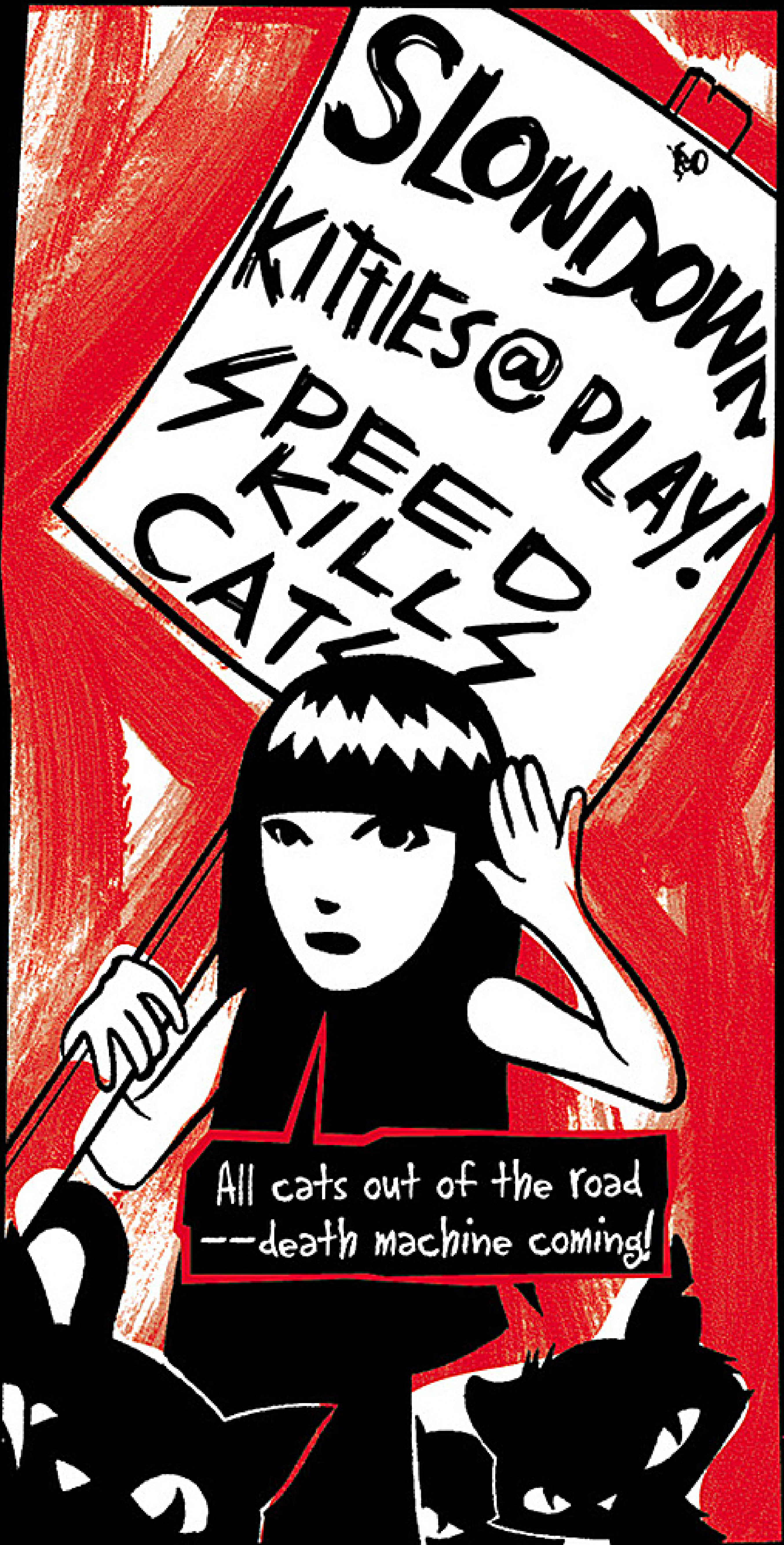

Born
wearing
black,
Emily's
nightmare
sleeps.
Grown down
dressed in
black,
Emily
and her cats
creep.
Aged by
every night
the black
begins
its wave,
to the final
dark forever...
from the
cradle to the
grave.

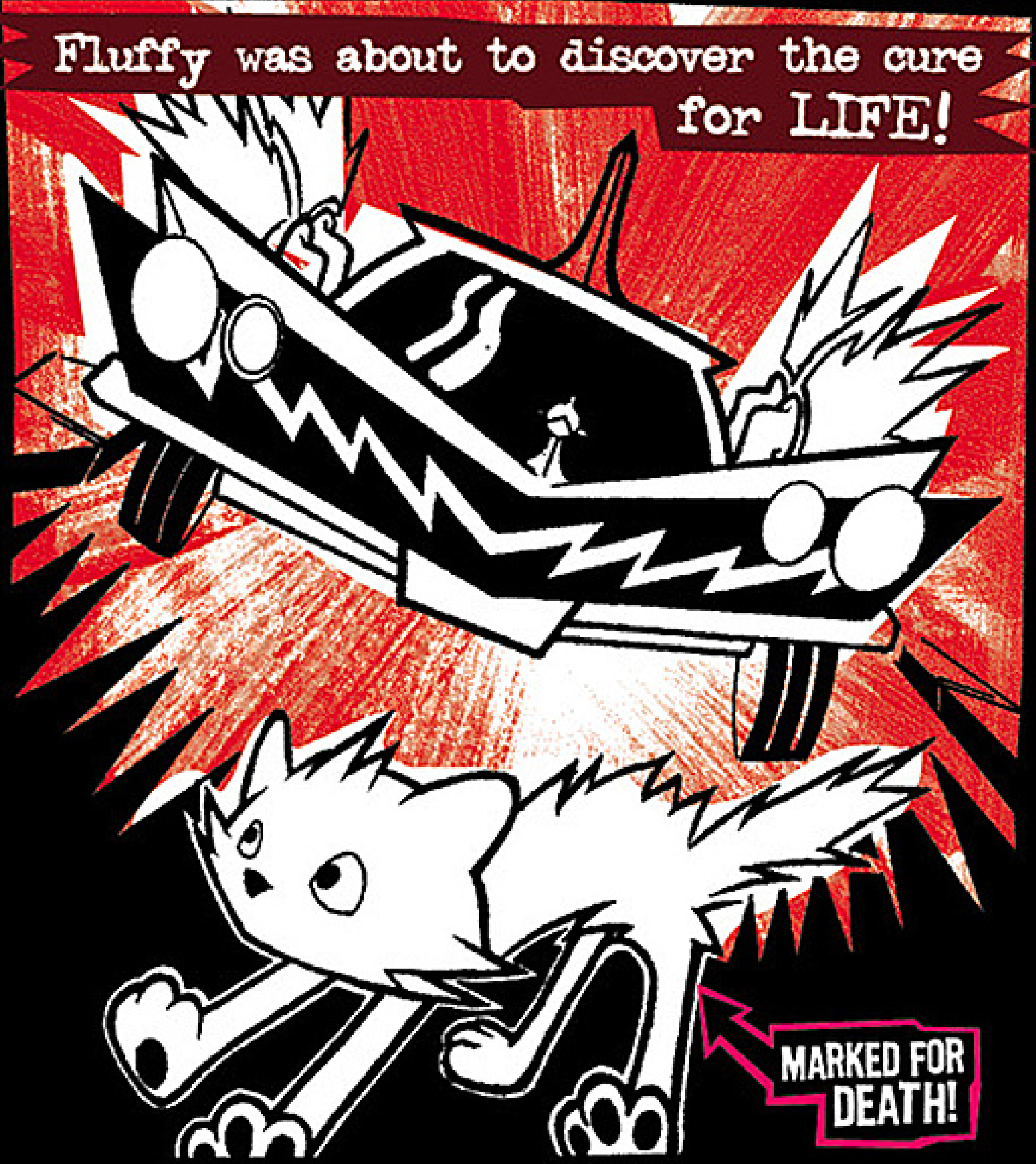
DEAD CAT WALKIN'

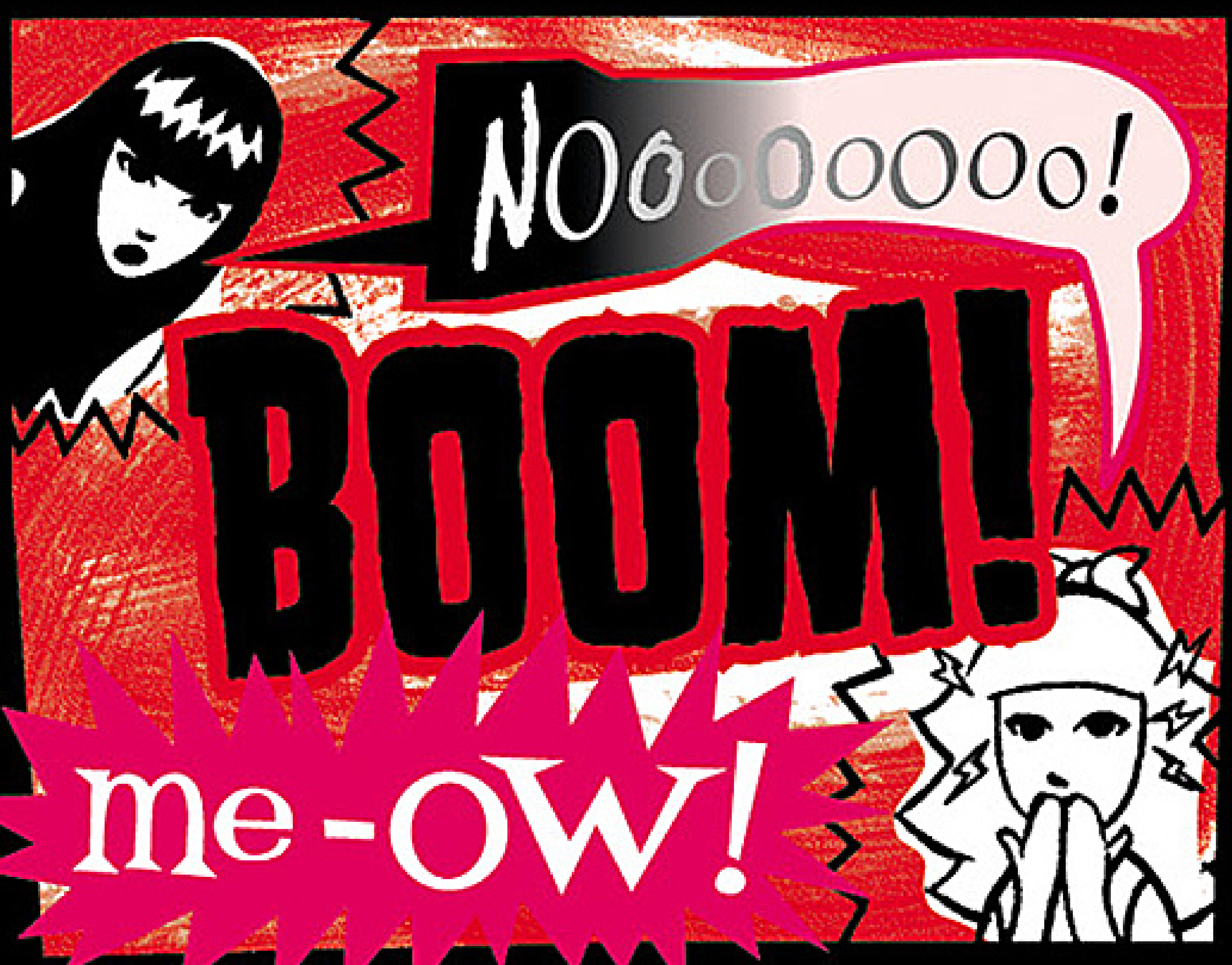
PART ONE

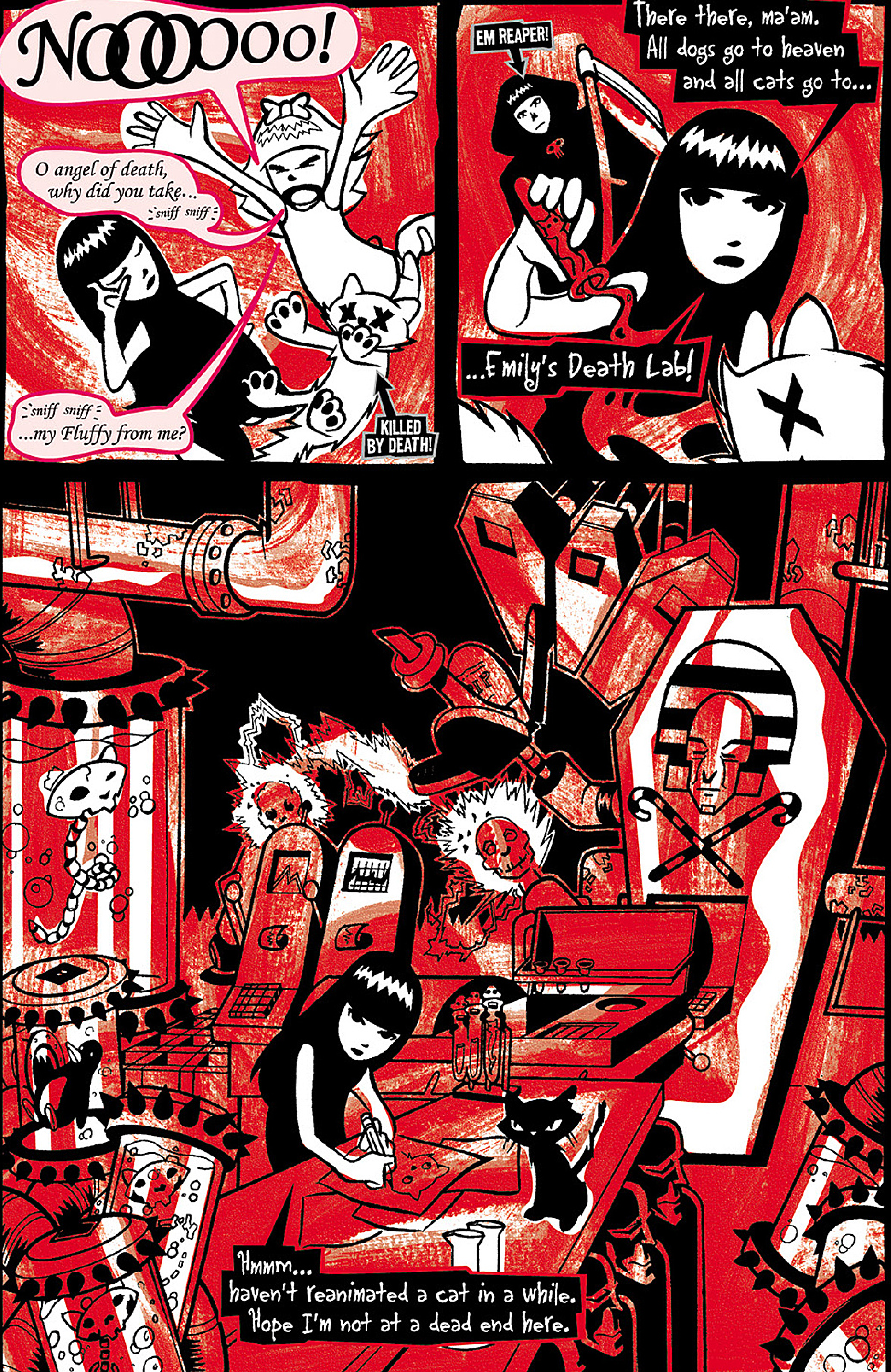

Aboveground, Emily was happily gardening, while underground, dirty pretty dead things were pushing up daisies.
LAWN OF THE DEAD
Dead... and buried.
Meanwhile, across the street...
DROP-DEAD PRETTY, HUH?
Here, Snowy… Here, Bitsy…
Come to Mommy…
No no, Fluffy, don't play in the street…

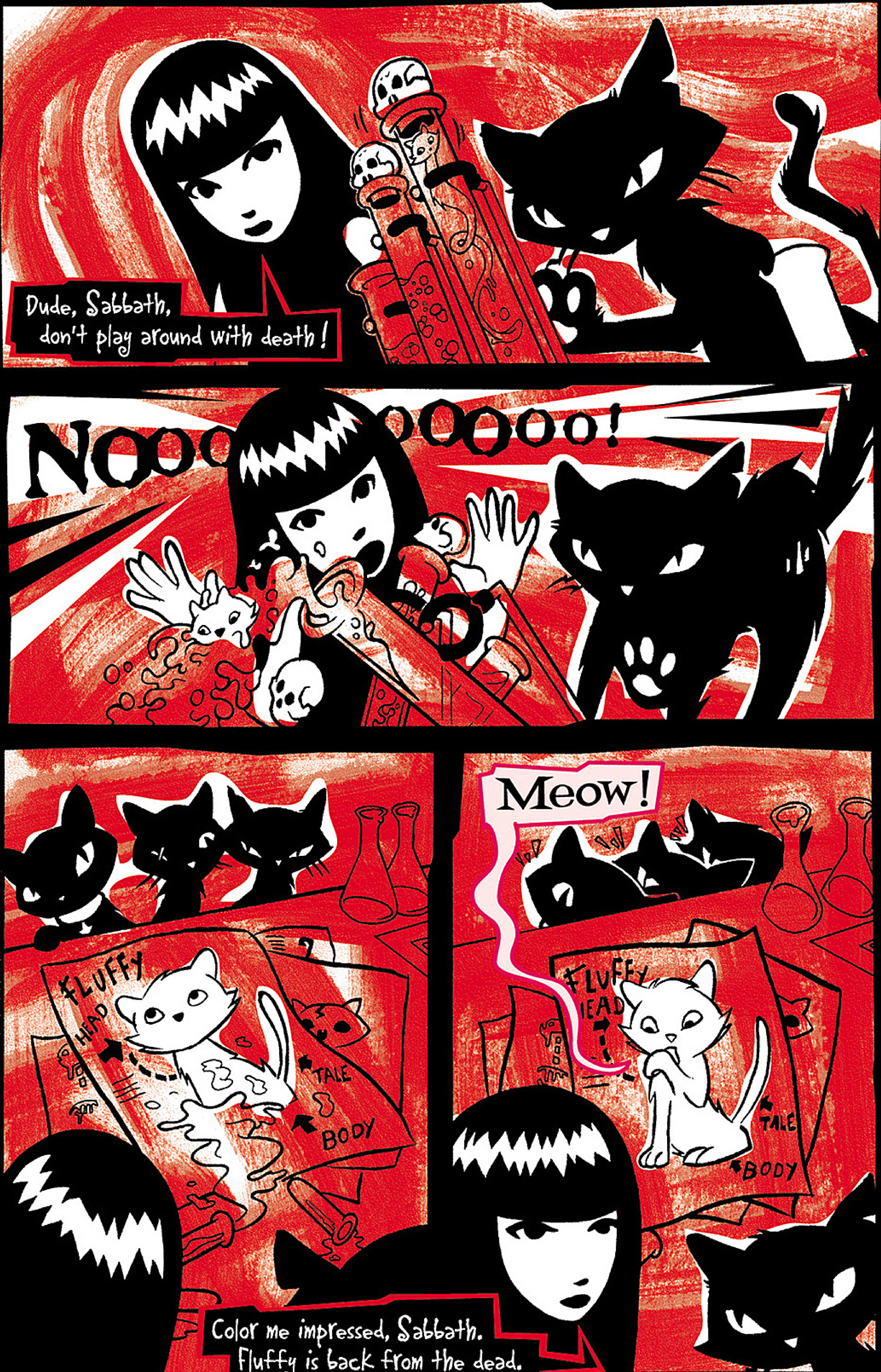

And here comes
DEATH ON WHEELS!

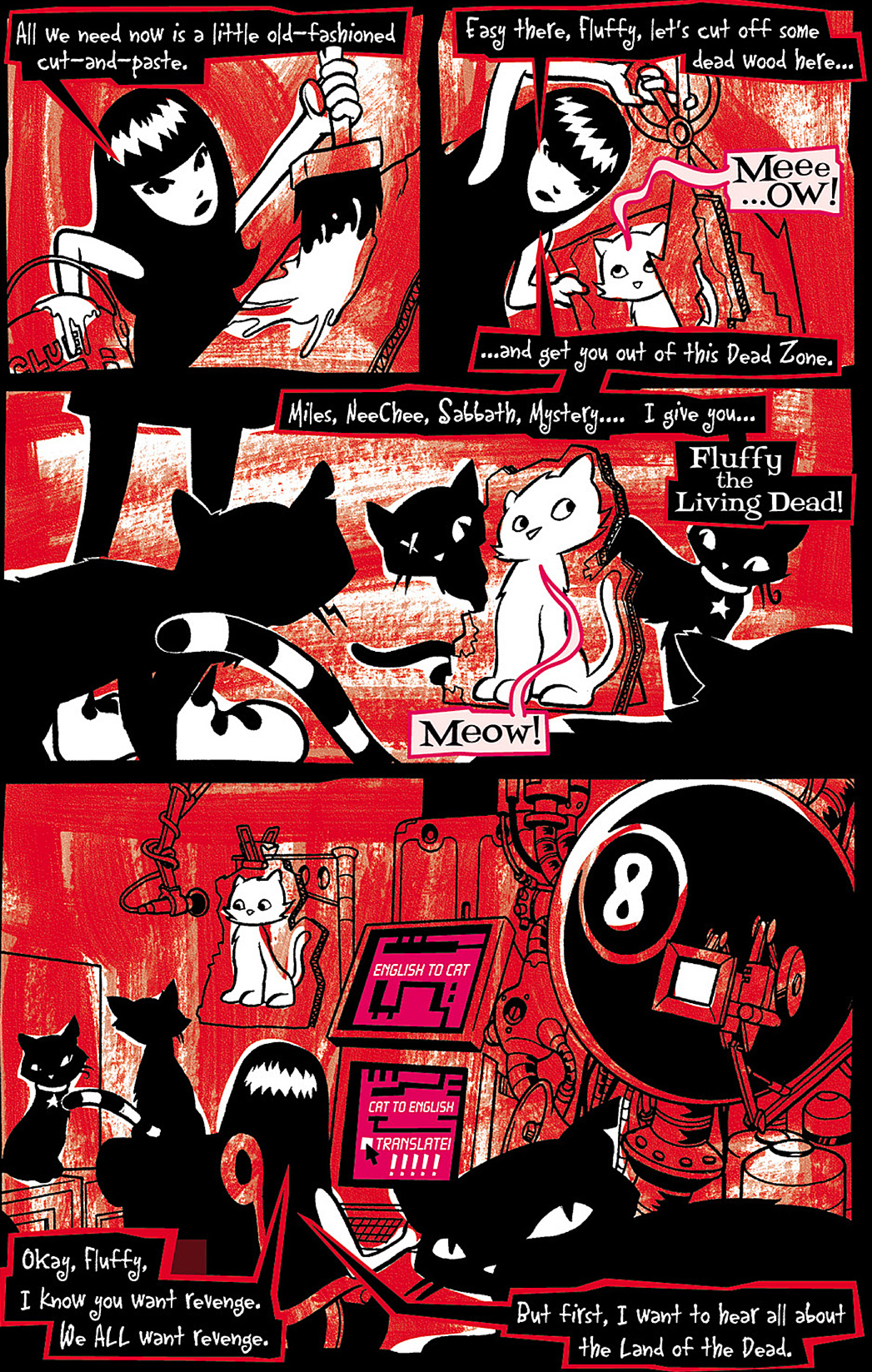

SLOWDOWN
KITTIES@PLAY!
SPEED KILLS CATS
All cats out of the road
--death machine coming!

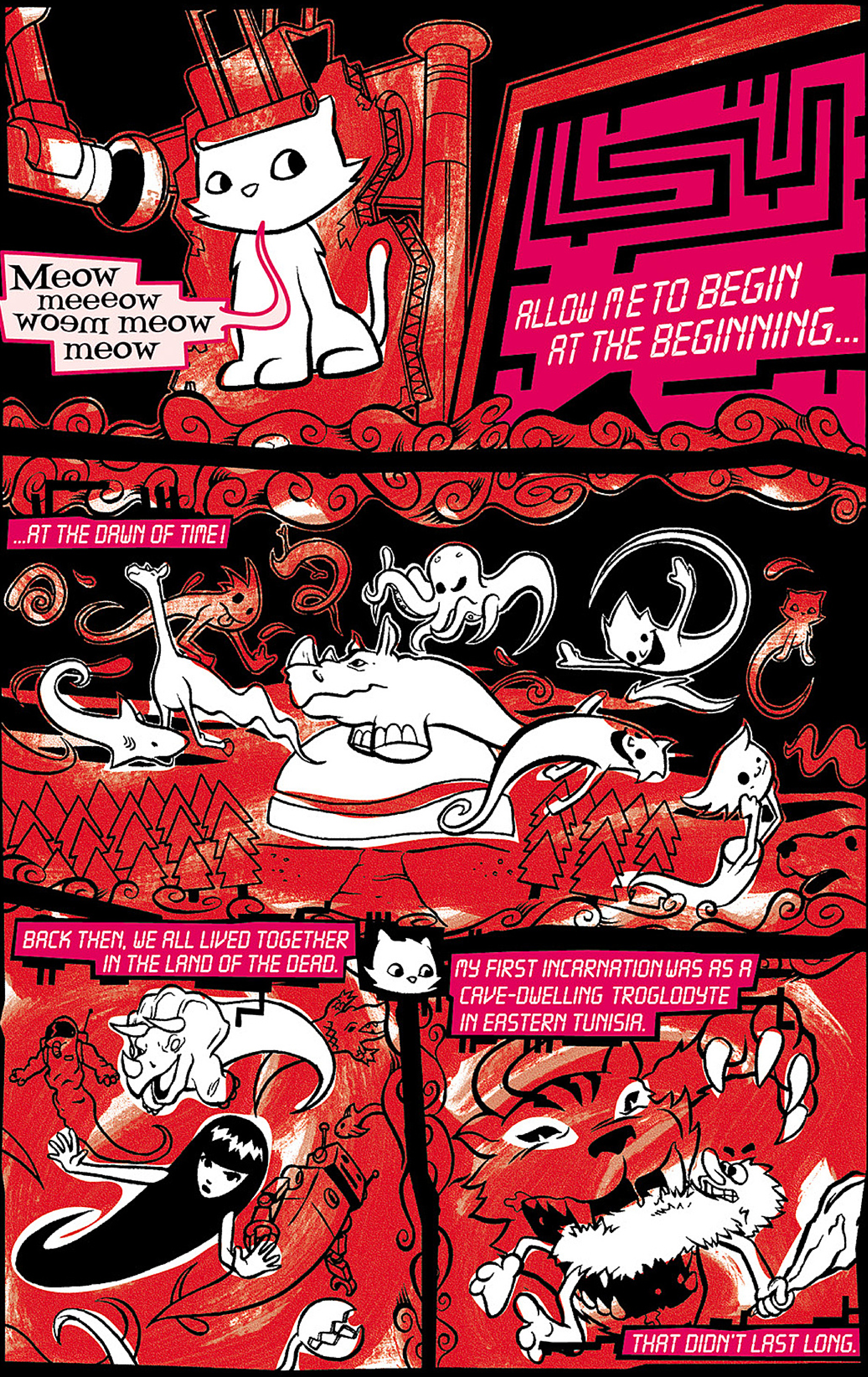

Fluffy was about to discover the cure for LIFE!
MARKED FOR DEATH!

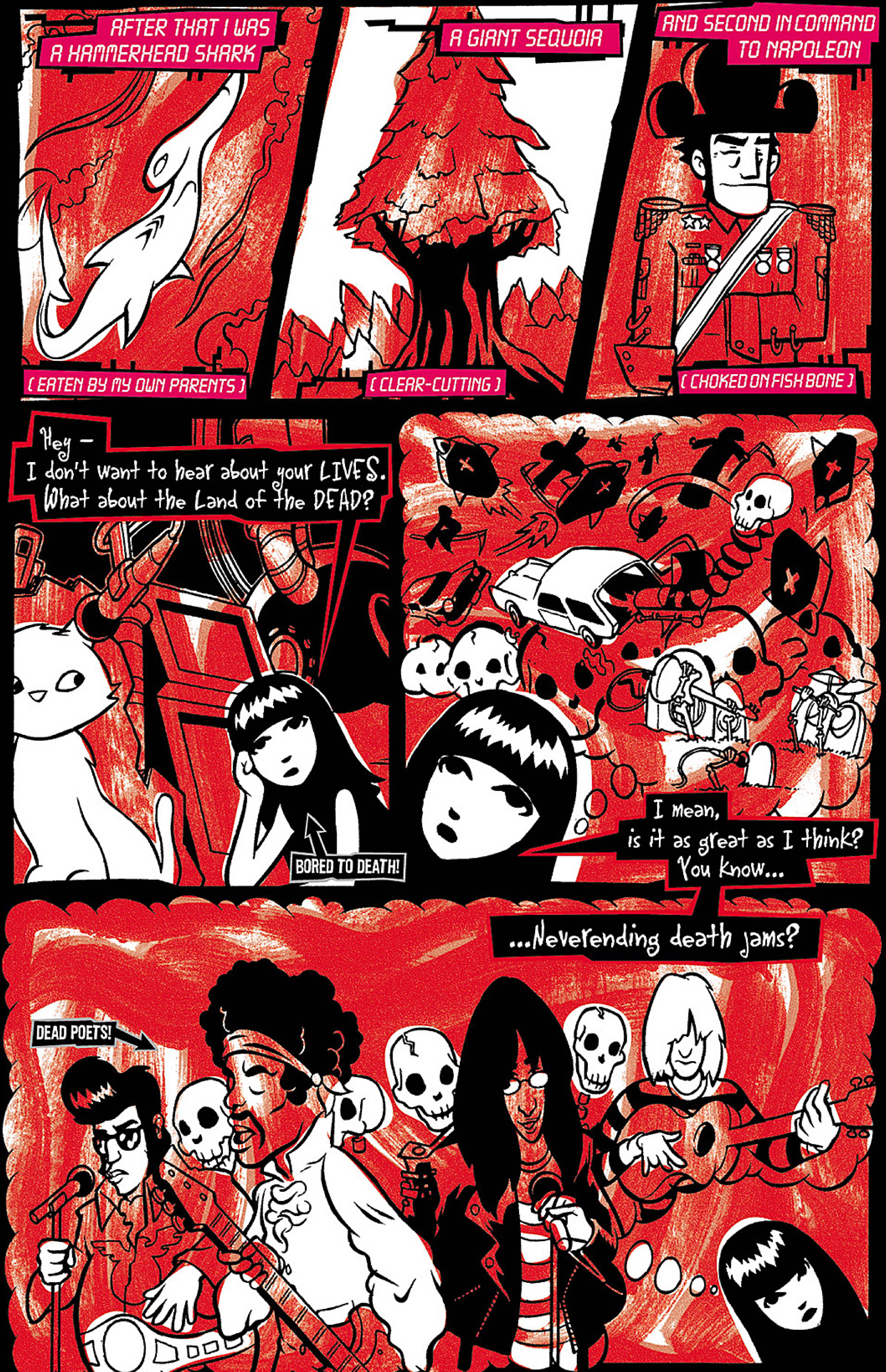

NOOoOOOOOo!
BOOM!
me-OW!

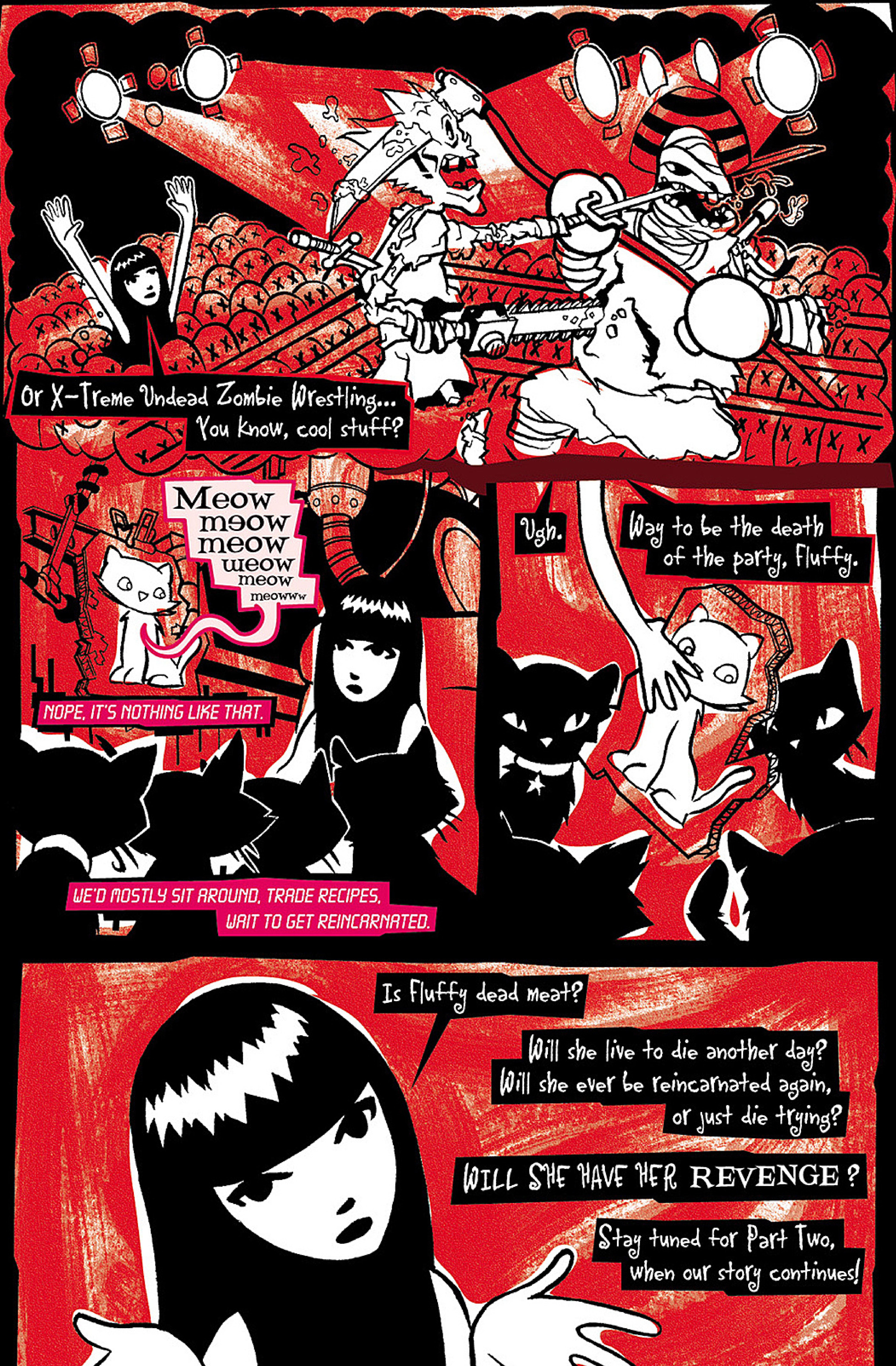

NOOOooo!
O angel of death, why did you take... ~sniff sniff~
~sniff sniff~ ...my Fluffy from me?
KILLED BY DEATH!
EM REAPER!
There there, ma'am. All dogs go to heaven and all cats go to...
...Emily's Death Lab!
Hmmm... haven't reanimated a cat in a while. Hope I'm not at a dead end here.


Dude, Sabbath, don't play around with death!
NOOOOOOOOOo!
FLUFFY
HEAD
TALE
BODY
Meow!
FLUFFY
HEAD
TALE
BODY
Color me impressed, Sabbath. Fluffy is back from the dead.

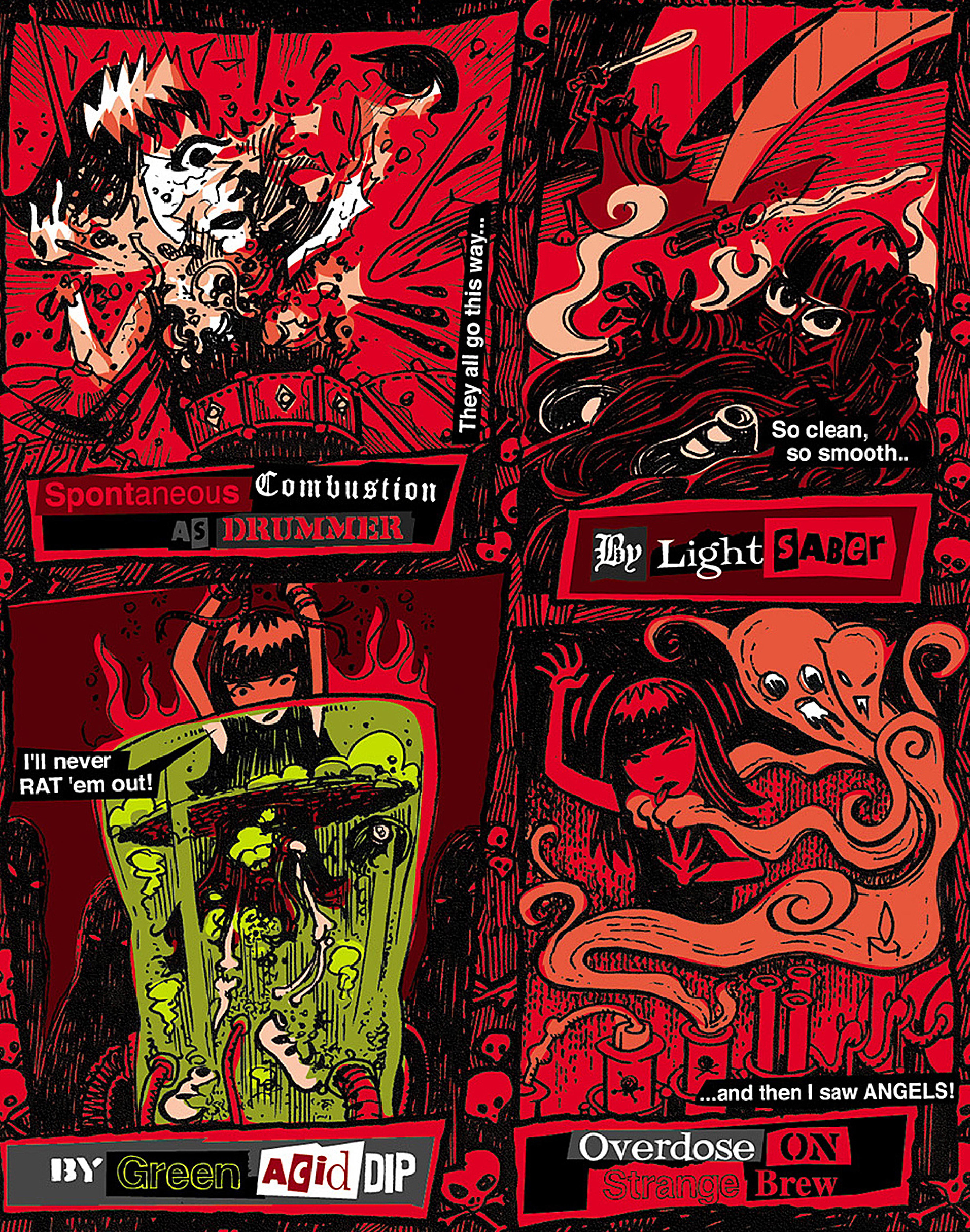

All we need now is a little old-fashioned cut-and-paste.
GLU
Easy there, Fluffy, let's cut off some dead wood here...
Meee ...OW!
...and get you out of this Dead Zone.
Miles, NeeChee, Sabbath, Mystery.... I give you...
Fluffy the Living Dead!
Meow!
8
ENGLISH TO CAT
CAT TO ENGLISH
TRANSLATE!
!!!!!
Okay, Fluffy, I know you want revenge. We ALL want revenge.
But first, I want to hear all about the Land of the Dead.

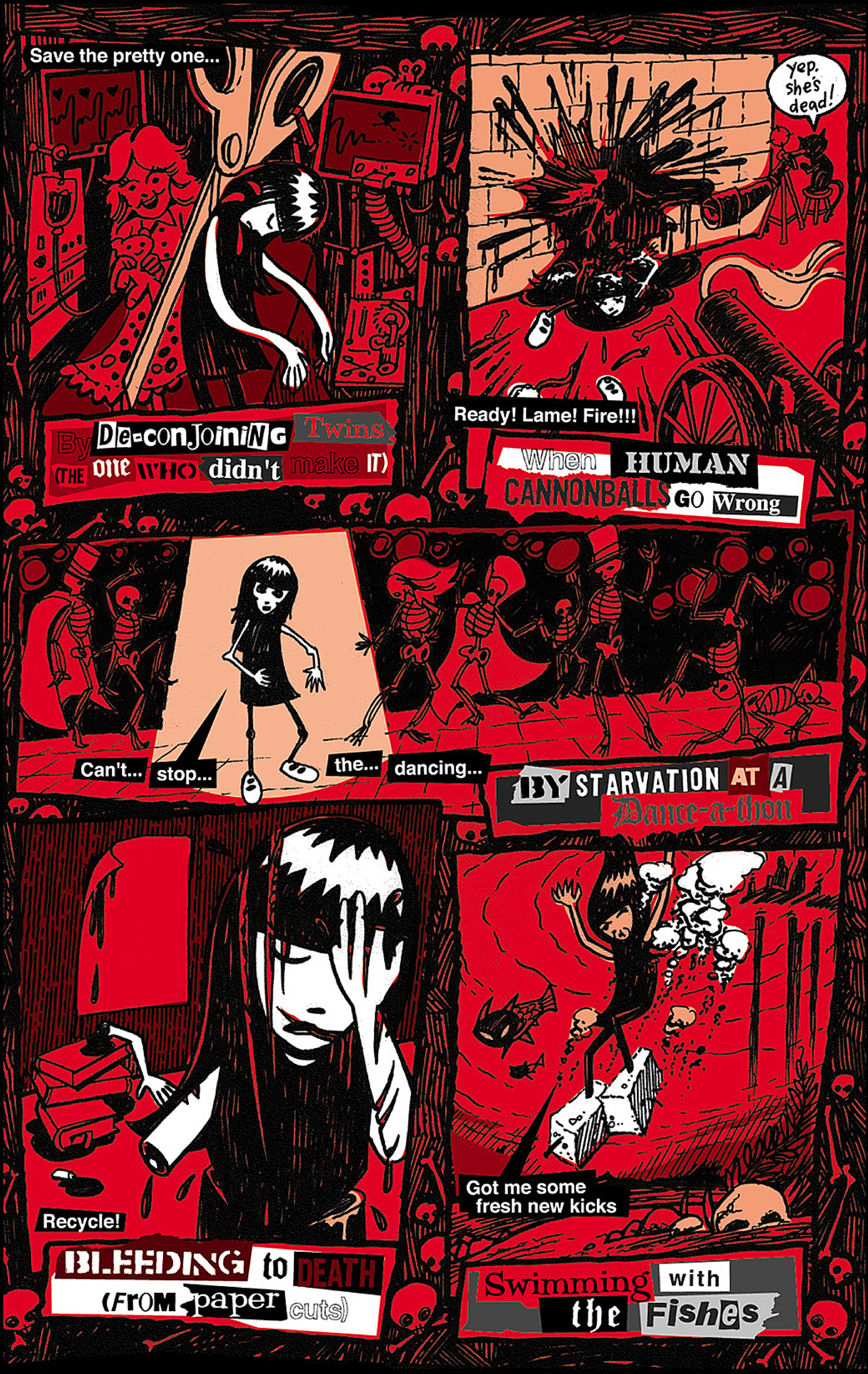

Meow meeeow woem meow meow
ALLOW ME TO BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING...
...AT THE DAWN OF TIME!
BACK THEN, WE ALL LIVED TOGETHER IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
MY FIRST INCARNATION WAS AS A CAVE-DWELLING TROGLODYTE IN EASTERN TUNISIA.
THAT DIDN'T LAST LONG.

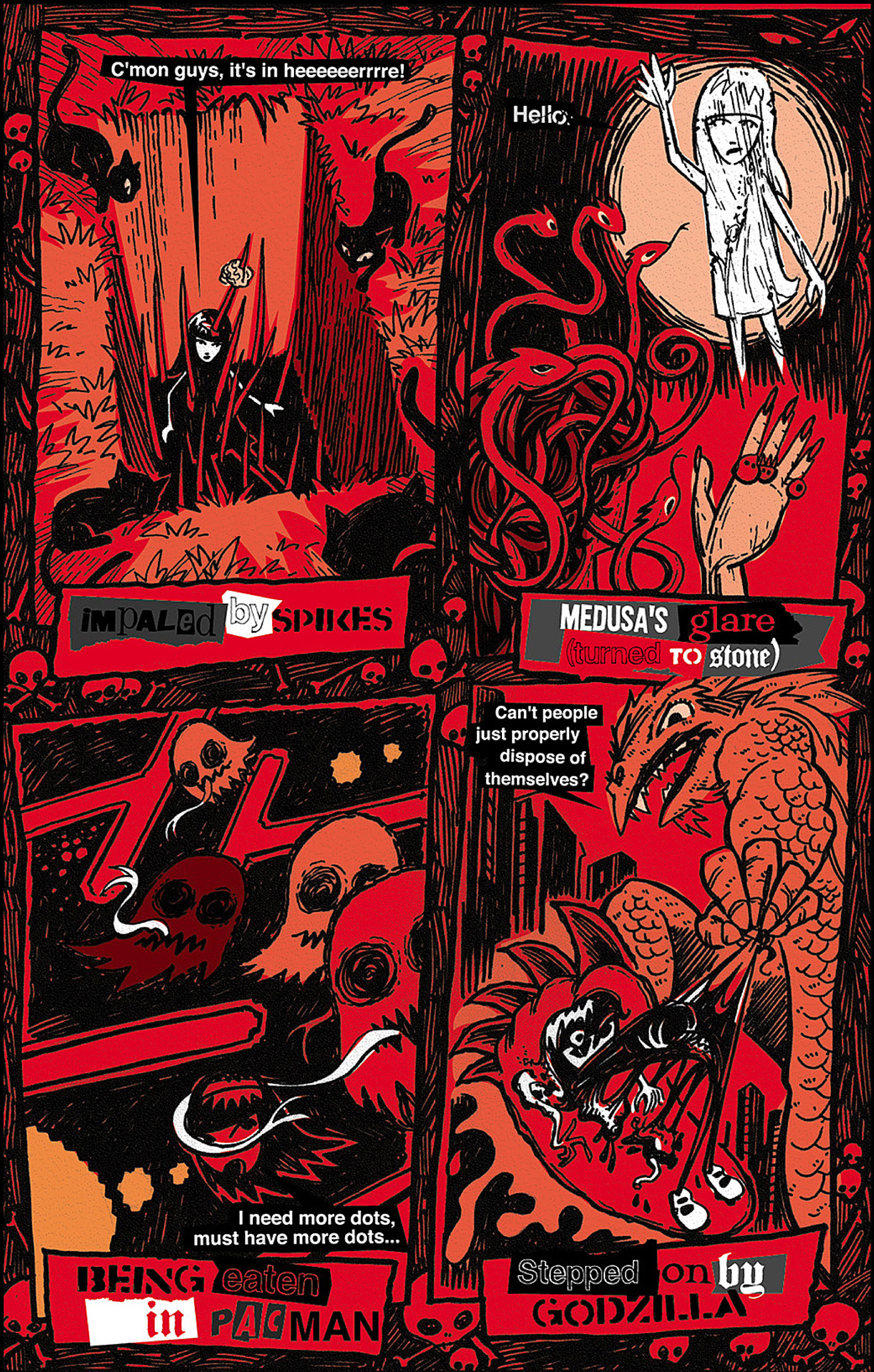

AFTER THAT I WAS A HAMMERHEAD SHARK
(EATEN BY MY OWN PARENTS)
A GIANT SEQUOIA
(CLEAR-CUTTING)
AND SECOND IN COMMAND TO NAPOLEON
(CHOKED ON FISH BONE)
Hey – I don't want to hear about your LIVES. What about the Land of the DEAD?
BORED TO DEATH!
I mean, is it as great as I think? You know...
...Neverending death jams?
DEAD POETS!


Or X-Treme Undead Zombie Wrestling... You know, cool stuff?
Meow meow meow meow meow meowww
NOPE, IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
WE'D MOSTLY SIT AROUND, TRADE RECIPES, WAIT TO GET REINCARNATED.
Ugh.
Way to be the death of the party, Fluffy.
Is Fluffy dead meat?
Will she live to die another day? Will she ever be reincarnated again, or just die trying?
WILL SHE HAVE HER REVENGE ?
Stay tuned for Part Two, when our story continues!

Emily's 13 FAVORITE ways to DIE!


They all go this way...
Spontaneous Combustion
AS DRUMMER
So clean,
so smooth..
By Light SABER
I'll never
RAT 'em out!
BY Green ACid DIP
...and then I saw ANGELS!
Overdose ON
Strange Brew


Save the pretty one...
By De-conJoiniNG Twins
(THE one WHO didn't make IT)
yep, she's dead!
Ready! Lame! Fire!!!
When HUMAN CANNONBALLS GO Wrong
Can't... stop... the... dancing...
BY STARVATION AT A Dance-a-thon
Recycle!
BLEEDING to DEATH (FrOM paper cuts)
Got me some fresh new kicks
Swimming with the Fishes


C'mon guys, it's in heeeeeerrrre!
IMPALED by SPIKES
Hello.
MEDUSA'S glare (turned TO stone)
I need more dots, must have more dots...
BEING eaten in PACMAN
Can't people just properly dispose of themselves?
Stepped on by GODZILLA

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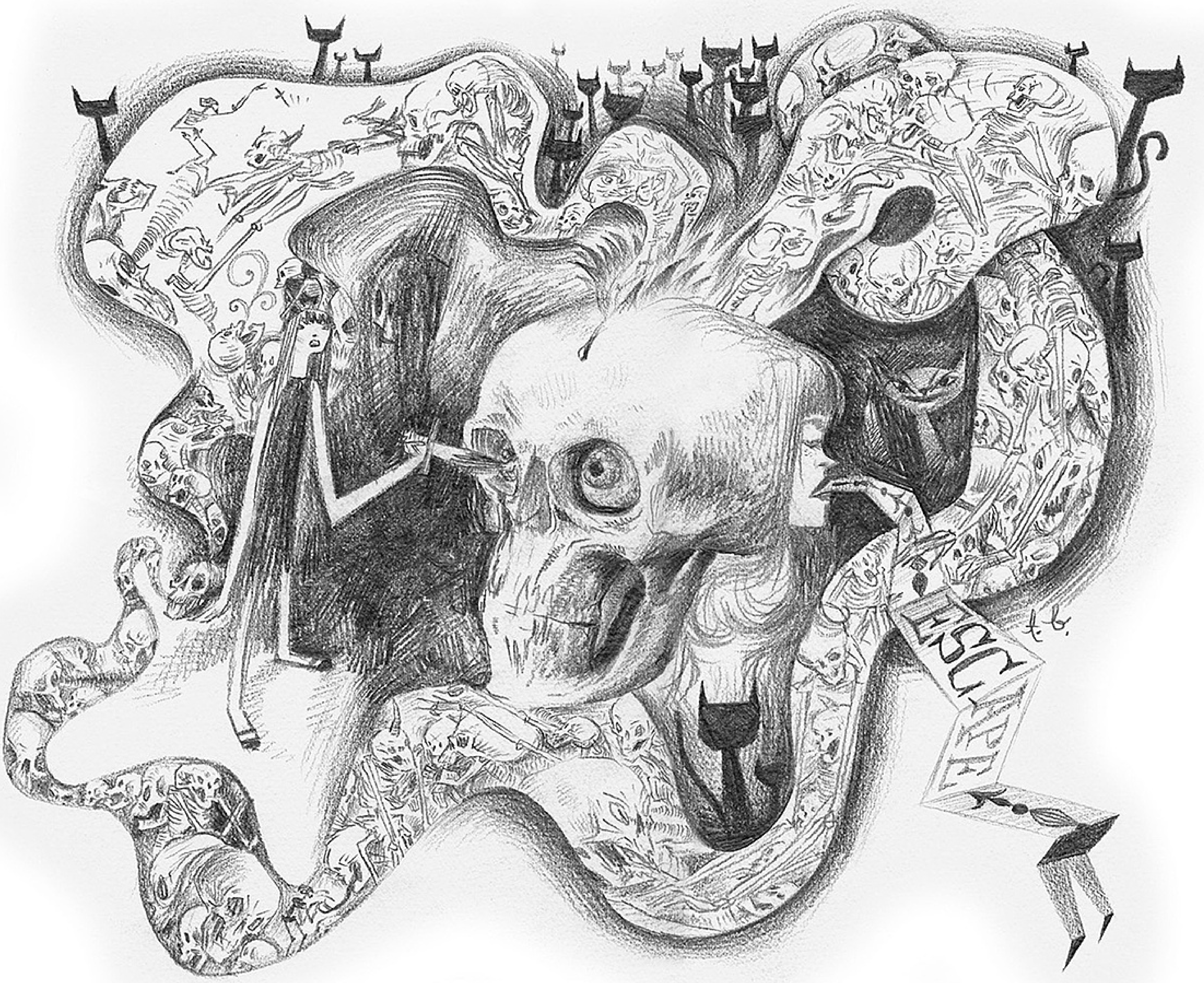

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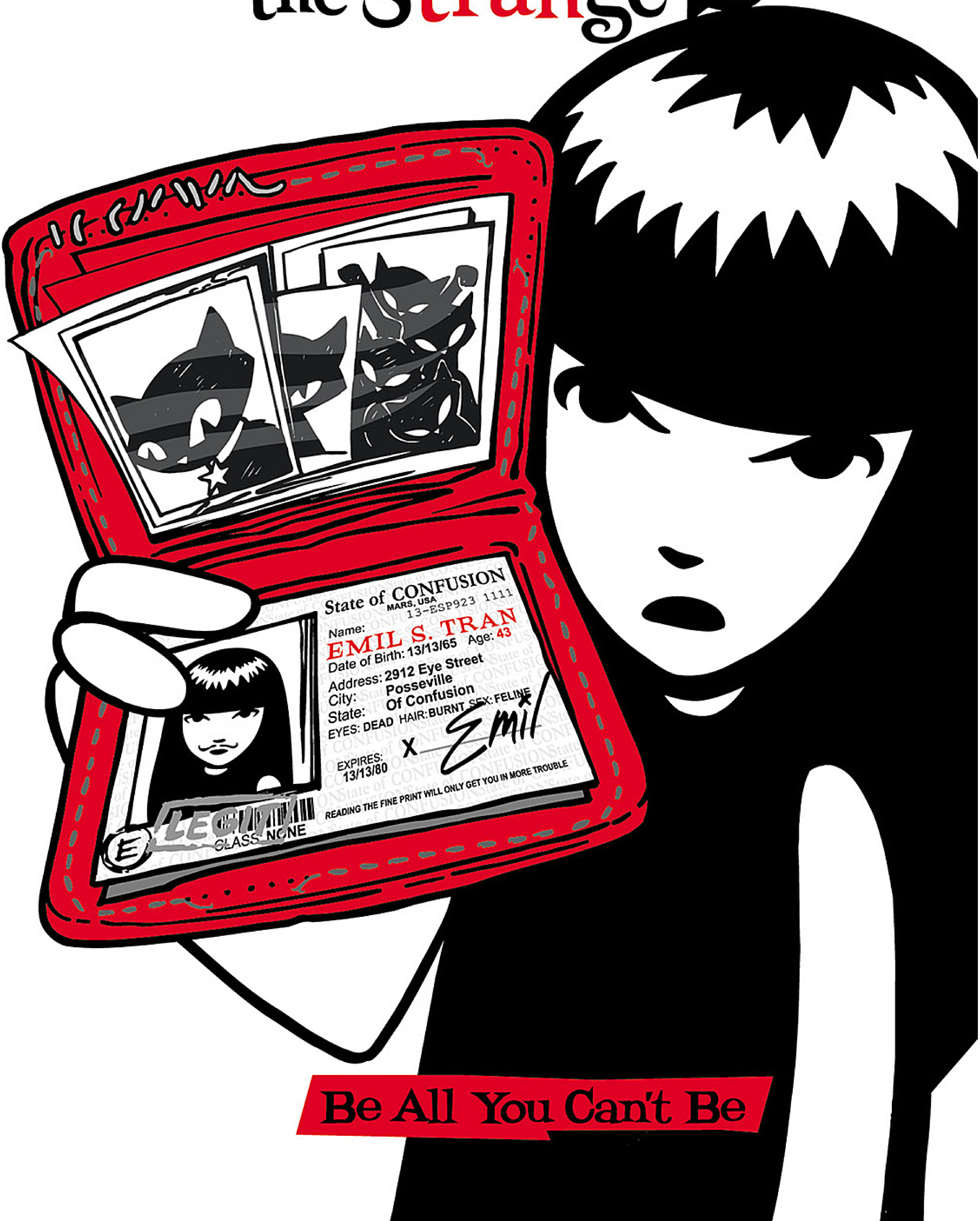
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MARS, USA
13-ESP923 1111
Name:
EMIL S. TRAN
Date of Birth: 13/13/65 Age: 43
Address: 2912 Eye Street
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State: Of Confusion
EYES: DEAD HAIR: BURNT SEX: FELINE
X Emil
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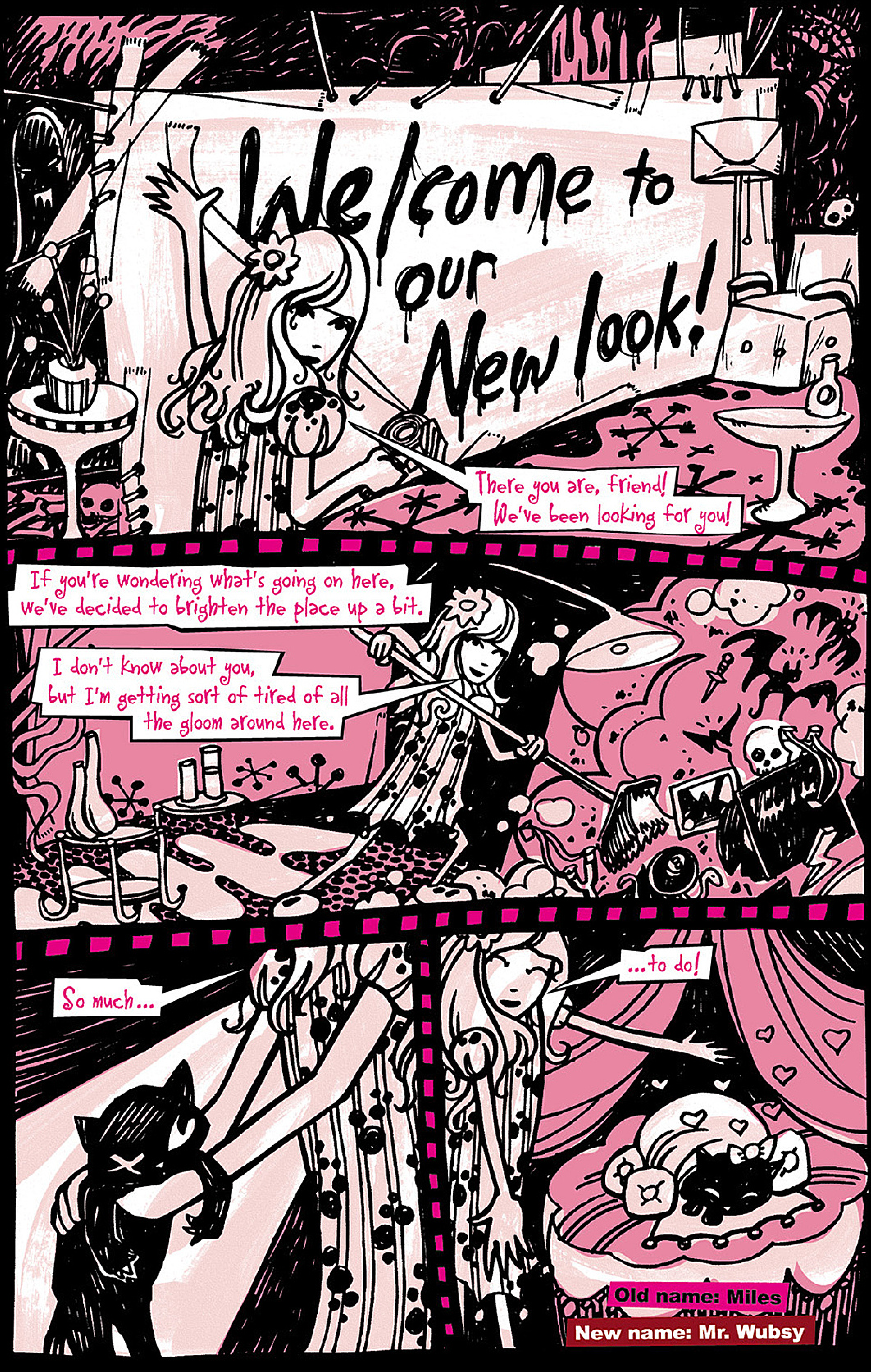
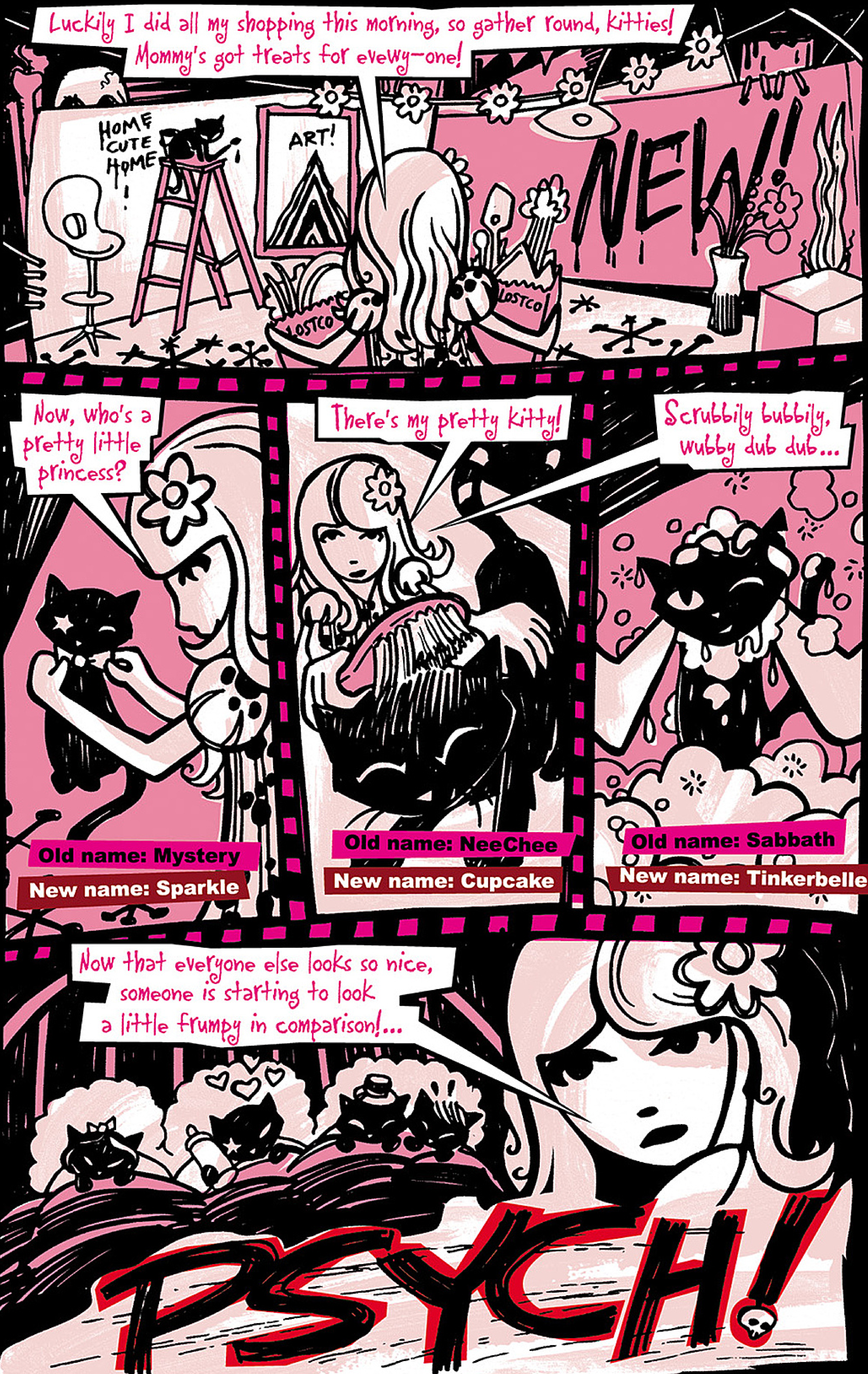

Welcome to our New look!
There you are, friend! We've been looking for you!
If you're wondering what's going on here, we've decided to brighten the place up a bit.
I don't know about you, but I'm getting sort of tired of all the gloom around here.
So much...
...to do!
Old name: Miles
New name: Mr. Wubsy


Luckily I did all my shopping this morning, so gather round, kitties! Mommy's got treats for evewy-one!
HOME CUTE HOME!
ART!
NEW!!
LOSTCO
LOSTCO
Now, who's a pretty little princess?
Old name: Mystery
New name: Sparkle
There's my pretty kitty!
Old name: NeeChee
New name: Cupcake
Scrubbily bubbily, wubby dub dub...
Old name: Sabbath
New name: Tinkerbelle
Now that everyone else looks so nice, someone is starting to look a little frumpy in comparison!...
PSYCH!

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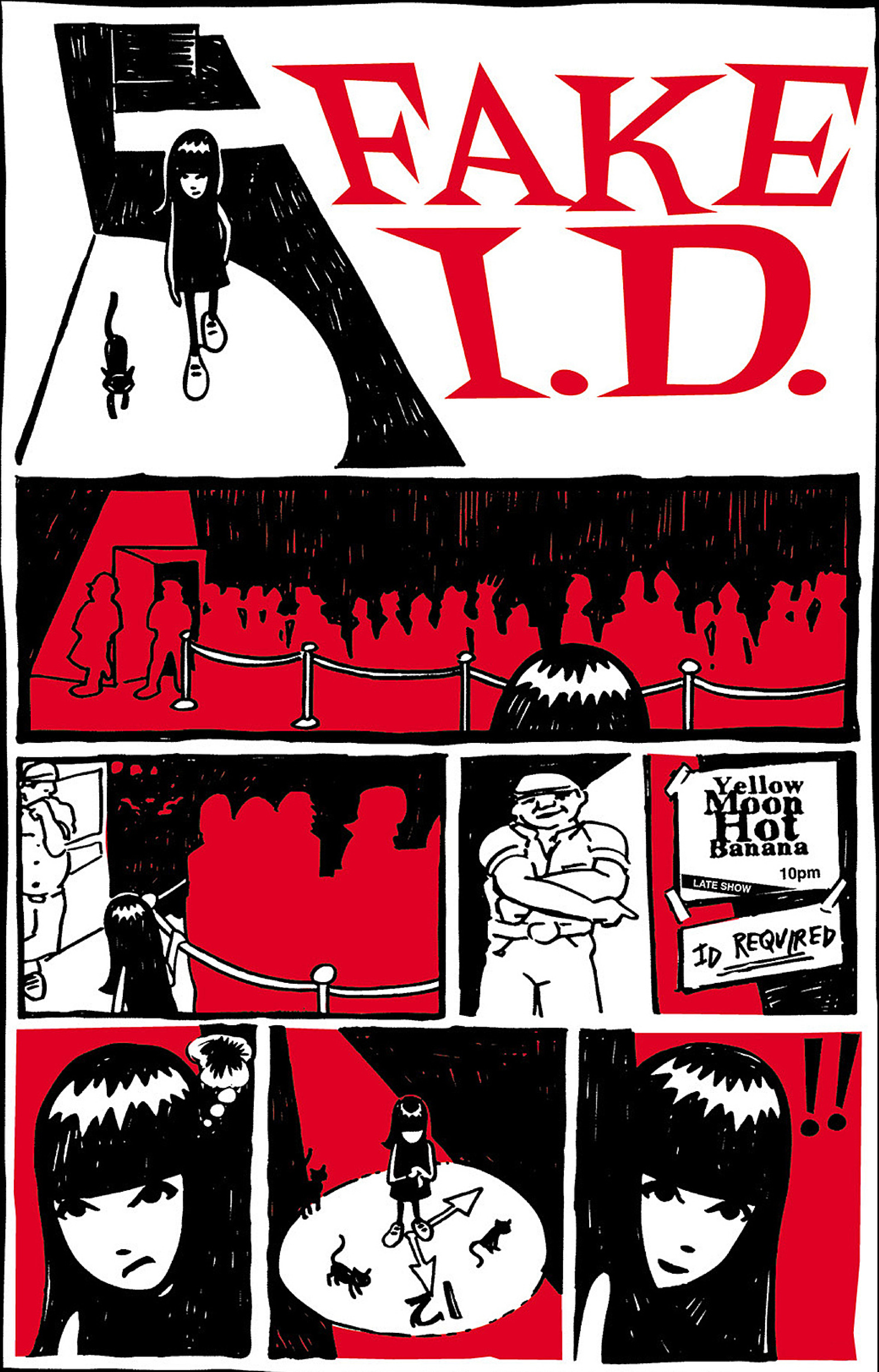
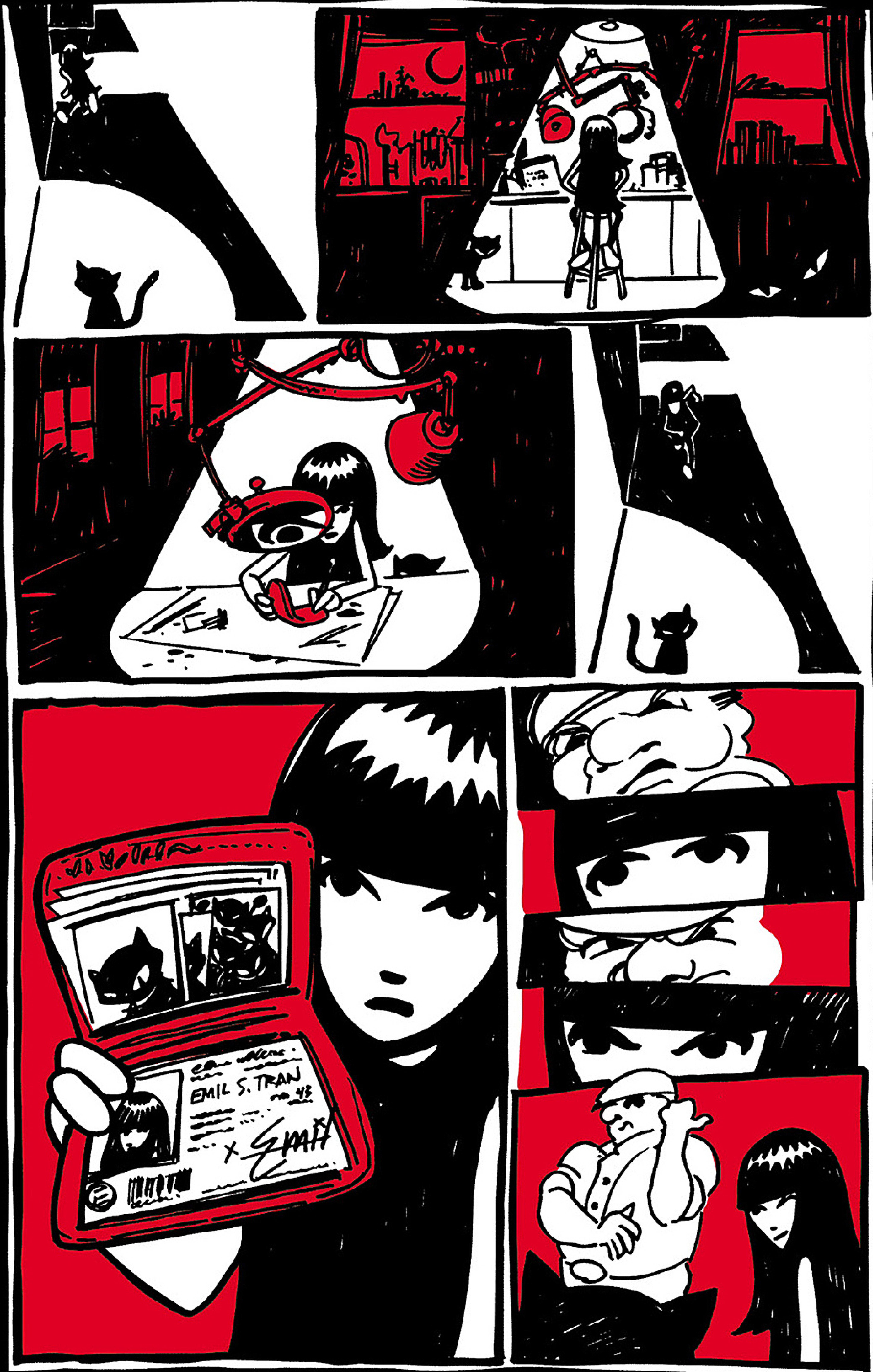

Yellow
Moon
Hot
Banana
10pm
LATE SHOW
ID REQUIRED
!!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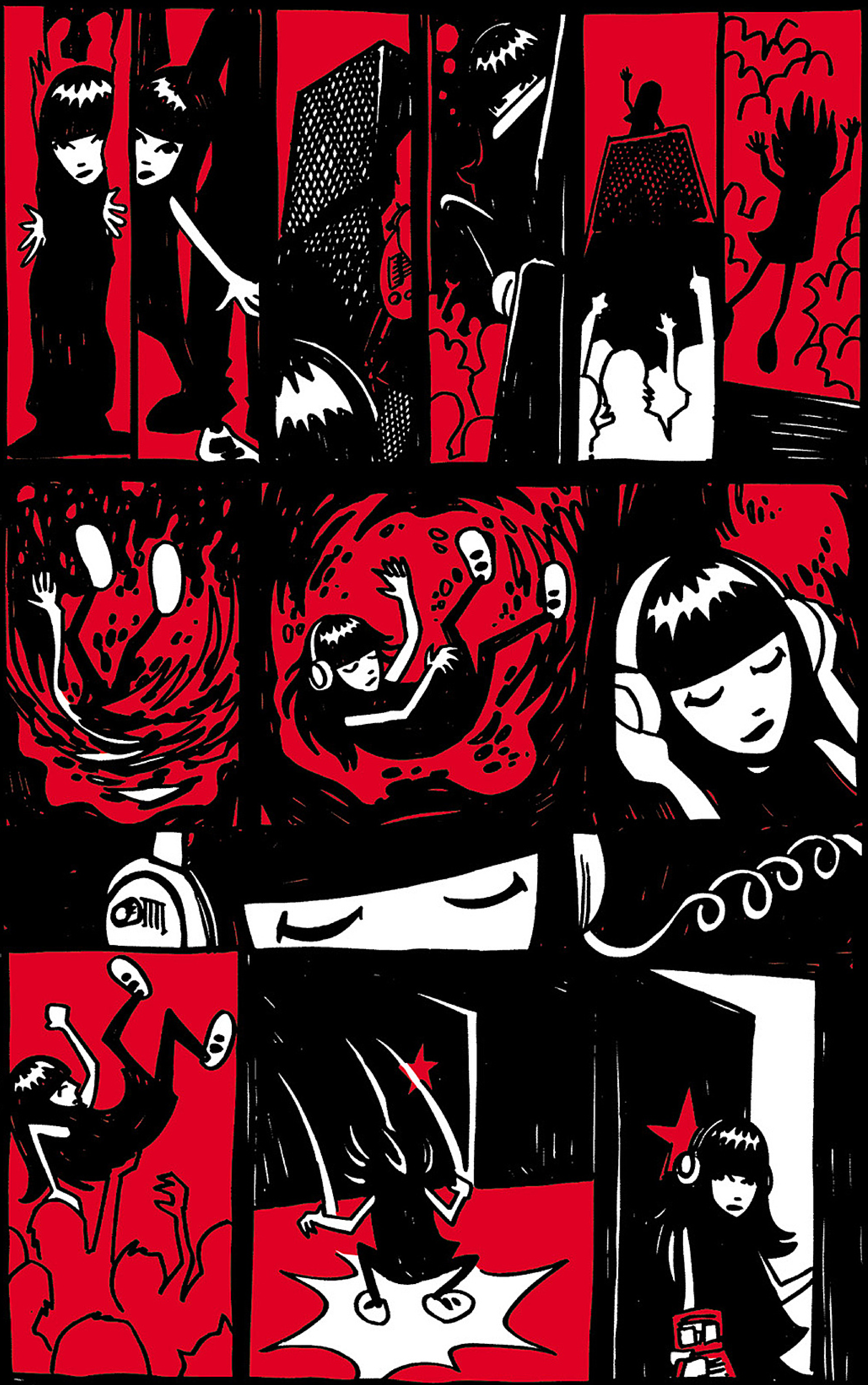
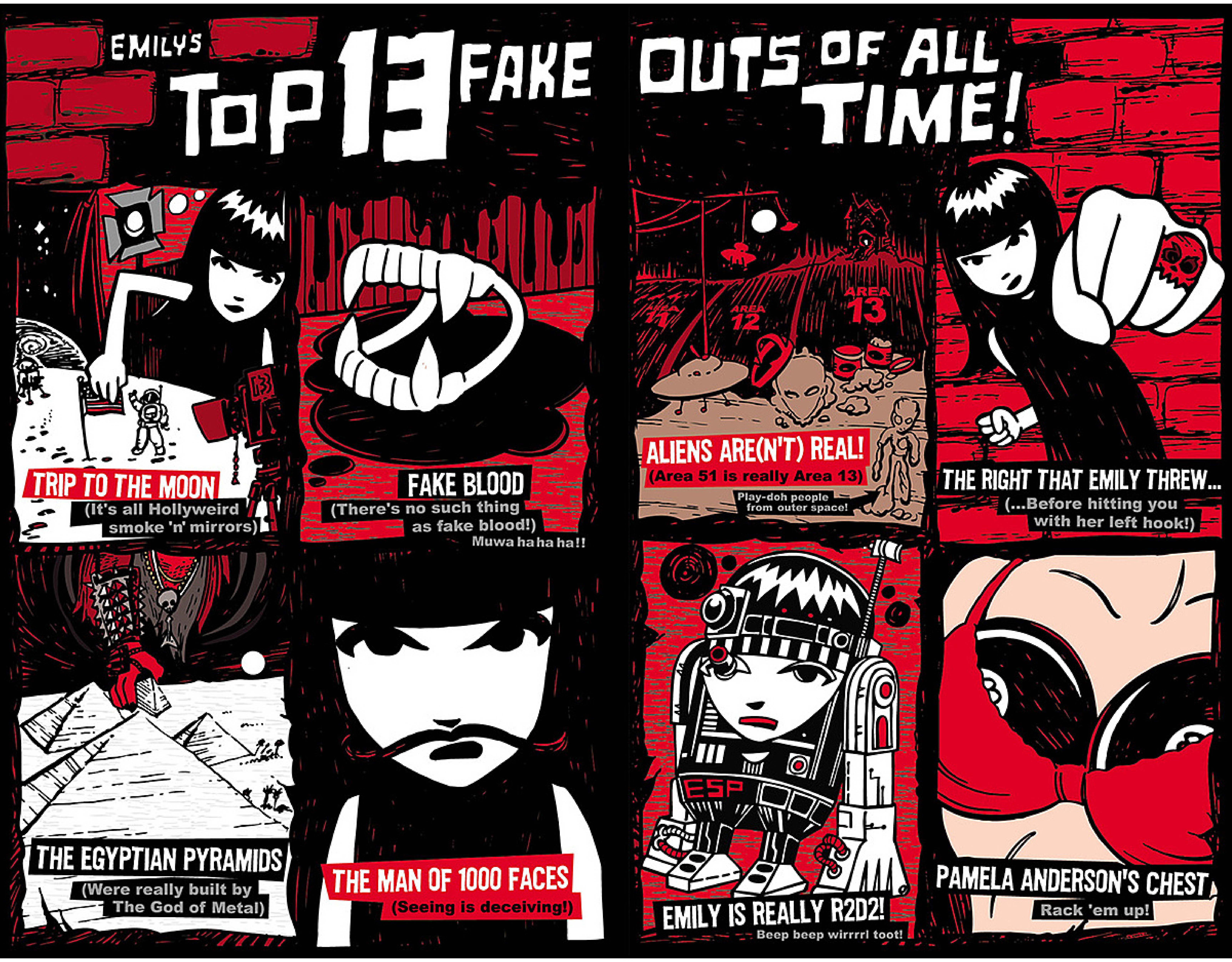
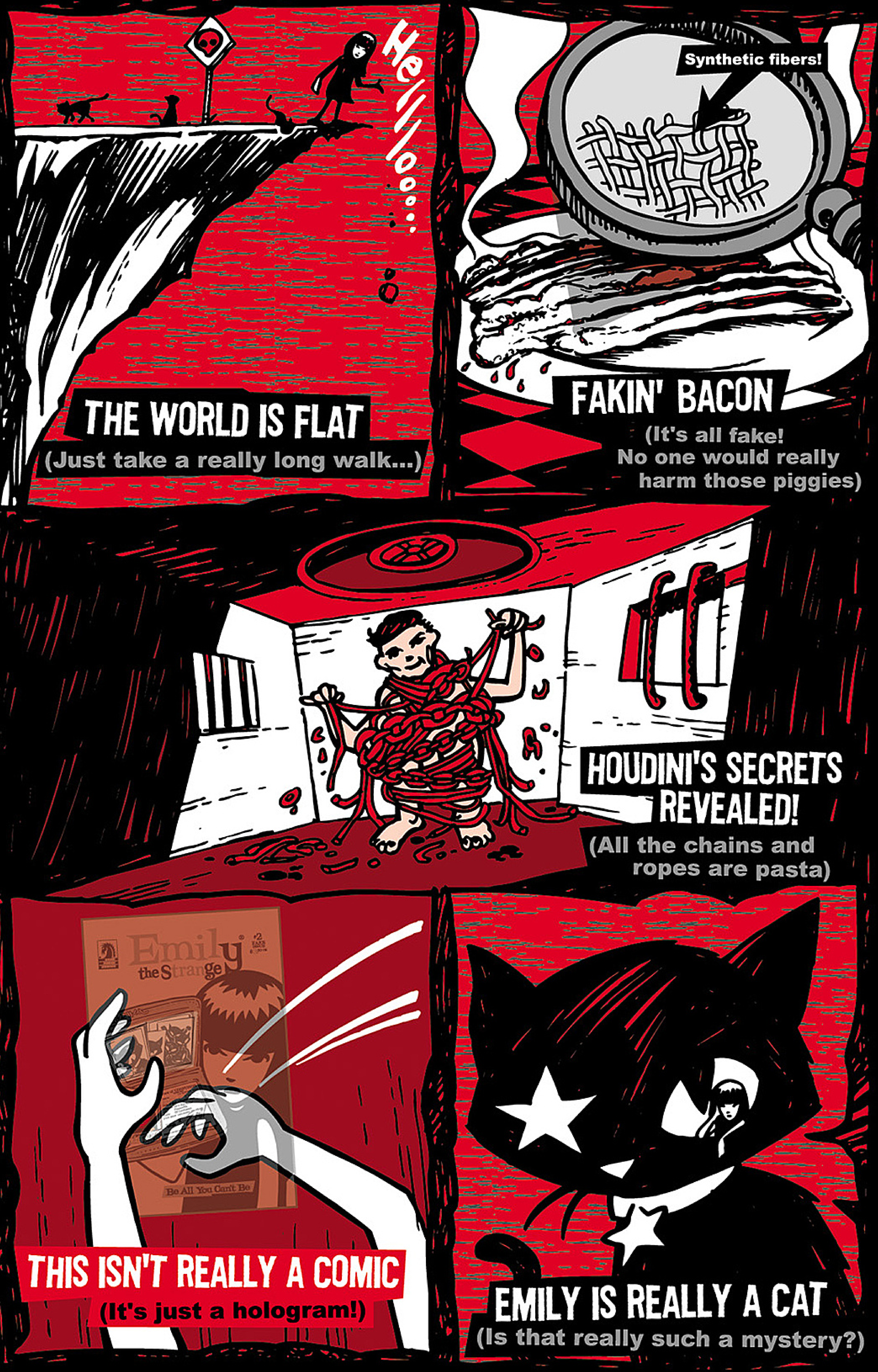



EMILY'S
TOP 13 FAKE OUTS OF ALL TIME!
13
TRIP TO THE MOON
(It's all Hollyweird smoke 'n' mirrors)
FAKE BLOOD
(There's no such thing as fake blood!)
Muwa ha ha ha!!
AREA 11
AREA 12
AREA 13
ALIENS ARE(N'T) REAL!
(Area 51 is really Area 13)
Play-doh people from outer space!
THE RIGHT THAT EMILY THREW...
(...Before hitting you with her left hook!)
THE EGYPTIAN PYRAMIDS
(Were really built by The God of Metal)
THE MAN OF 1000 FACES
(Seeing is deceiving!)
ESP
EMILY IS REALLY R2D2!
Beep beep wirrrrl toot!
PAMELA ANDERSON'S CHEST
Rack 'em up!


Hellooo....
THE WORLD IS FLAT
(Just take a really long walk...)
Synthetic fibers!
FAKIN' BACON
(It's all fake! No one would really harm those piggies)
HOUDINI'S SECRETS REVEALED!
(All the chains and ropes are pasta)
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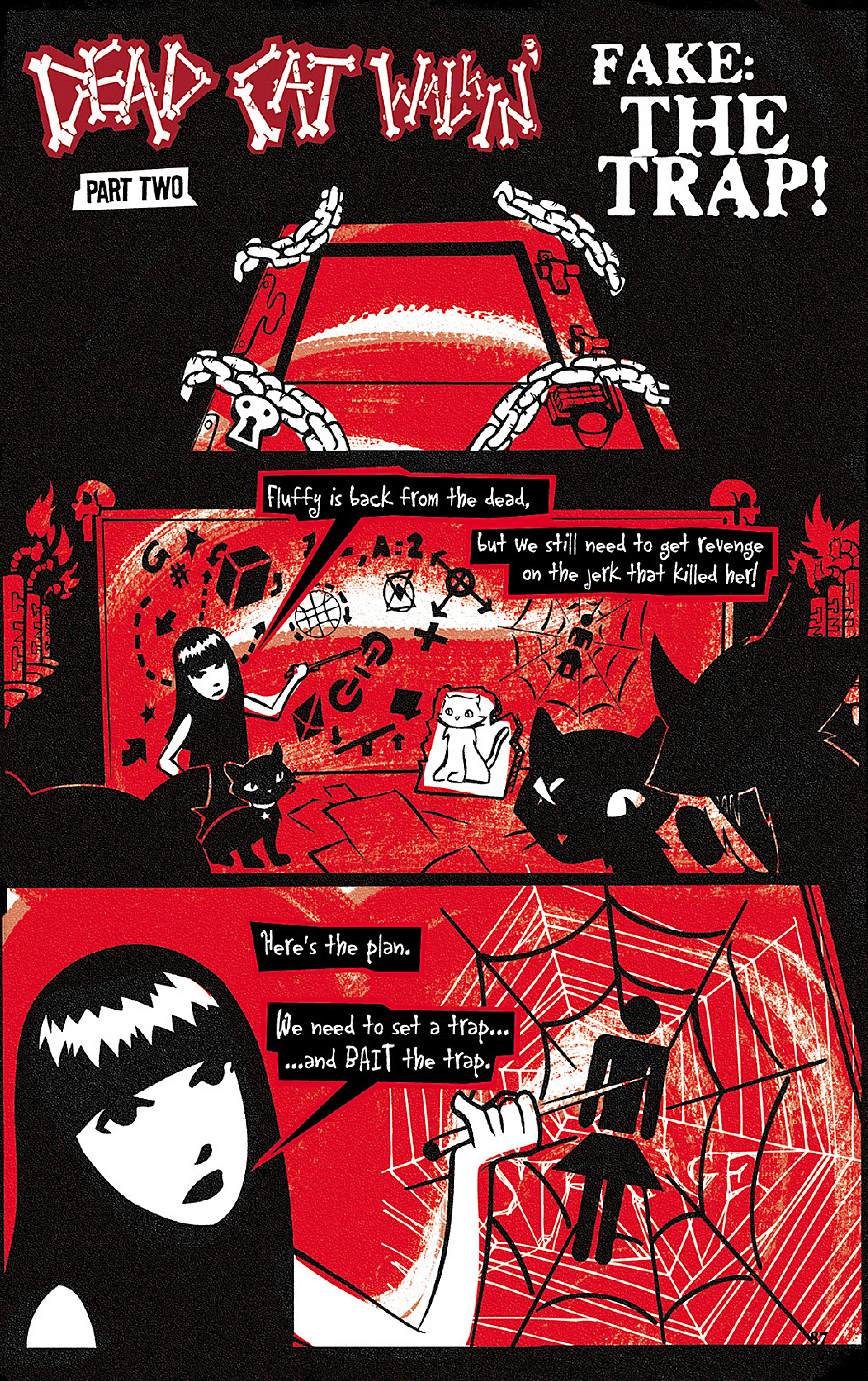
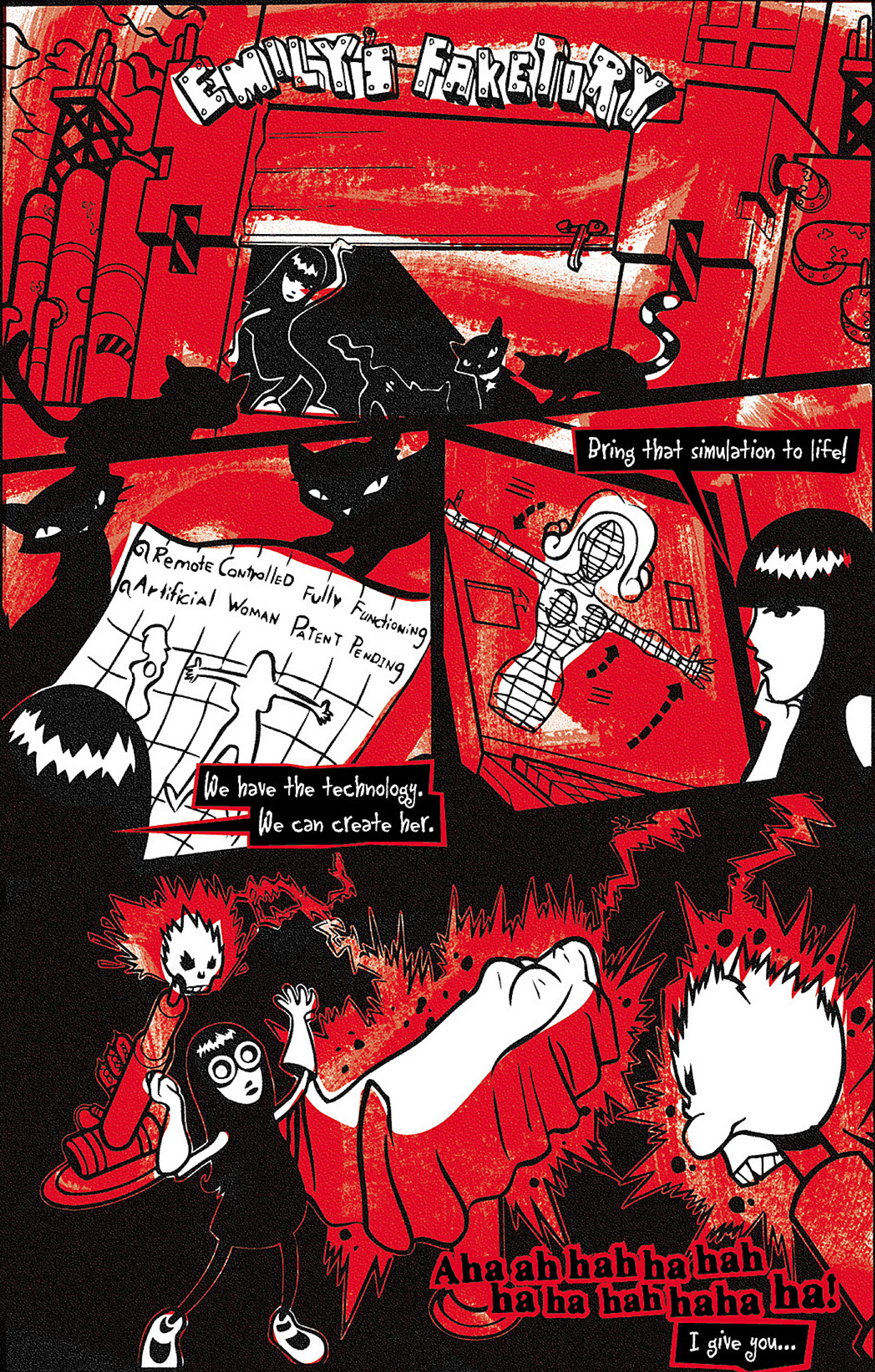
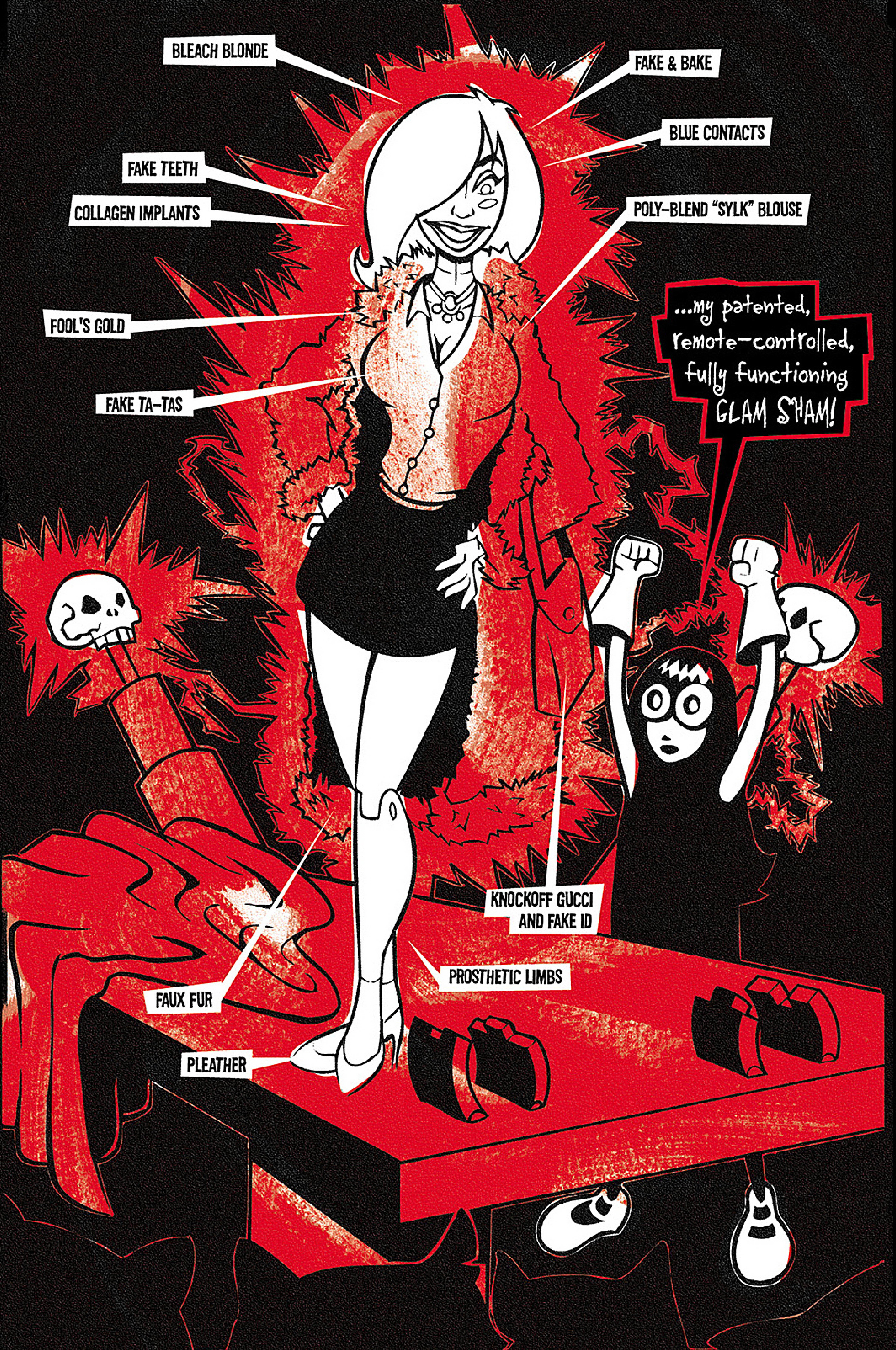
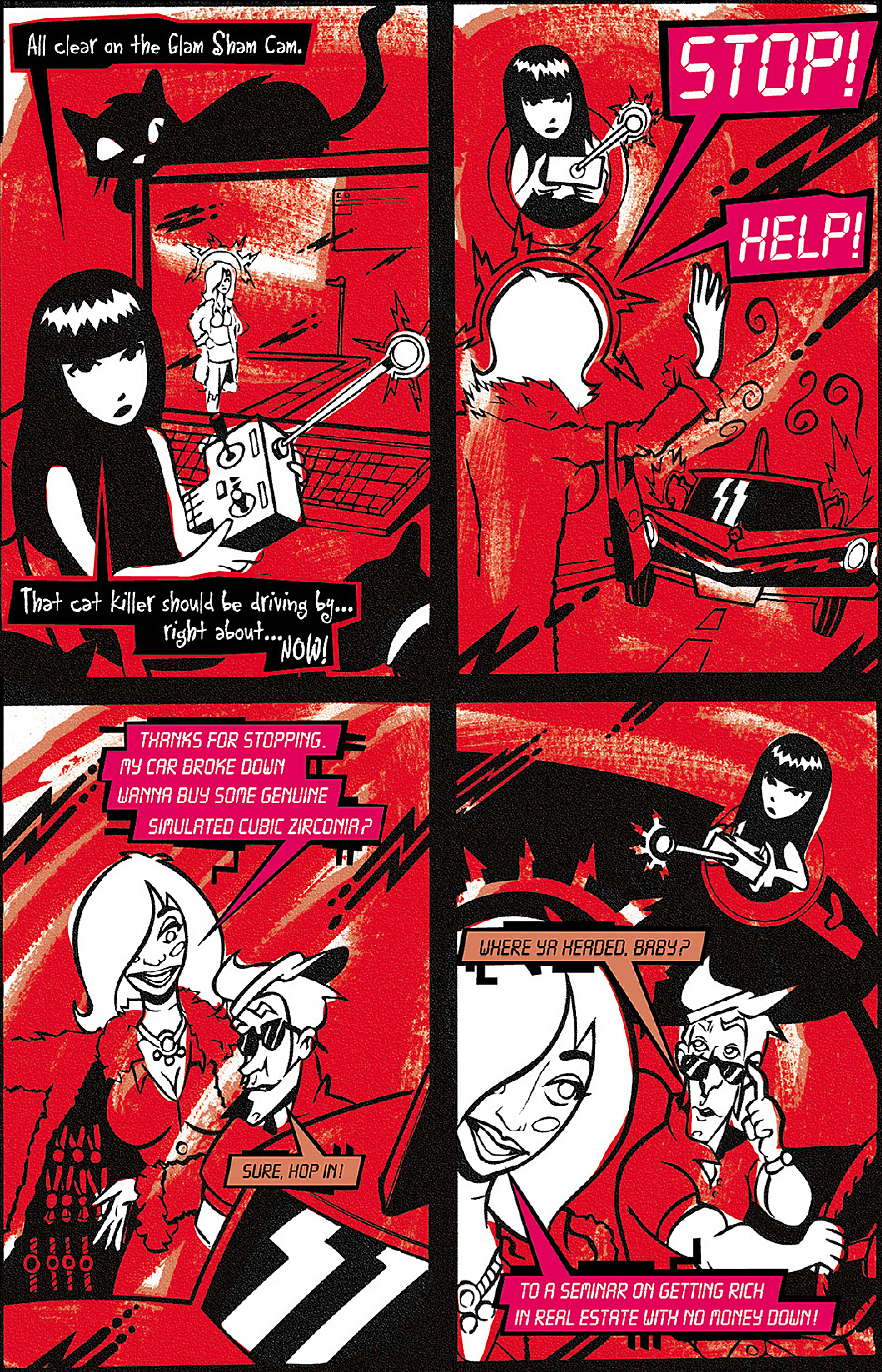
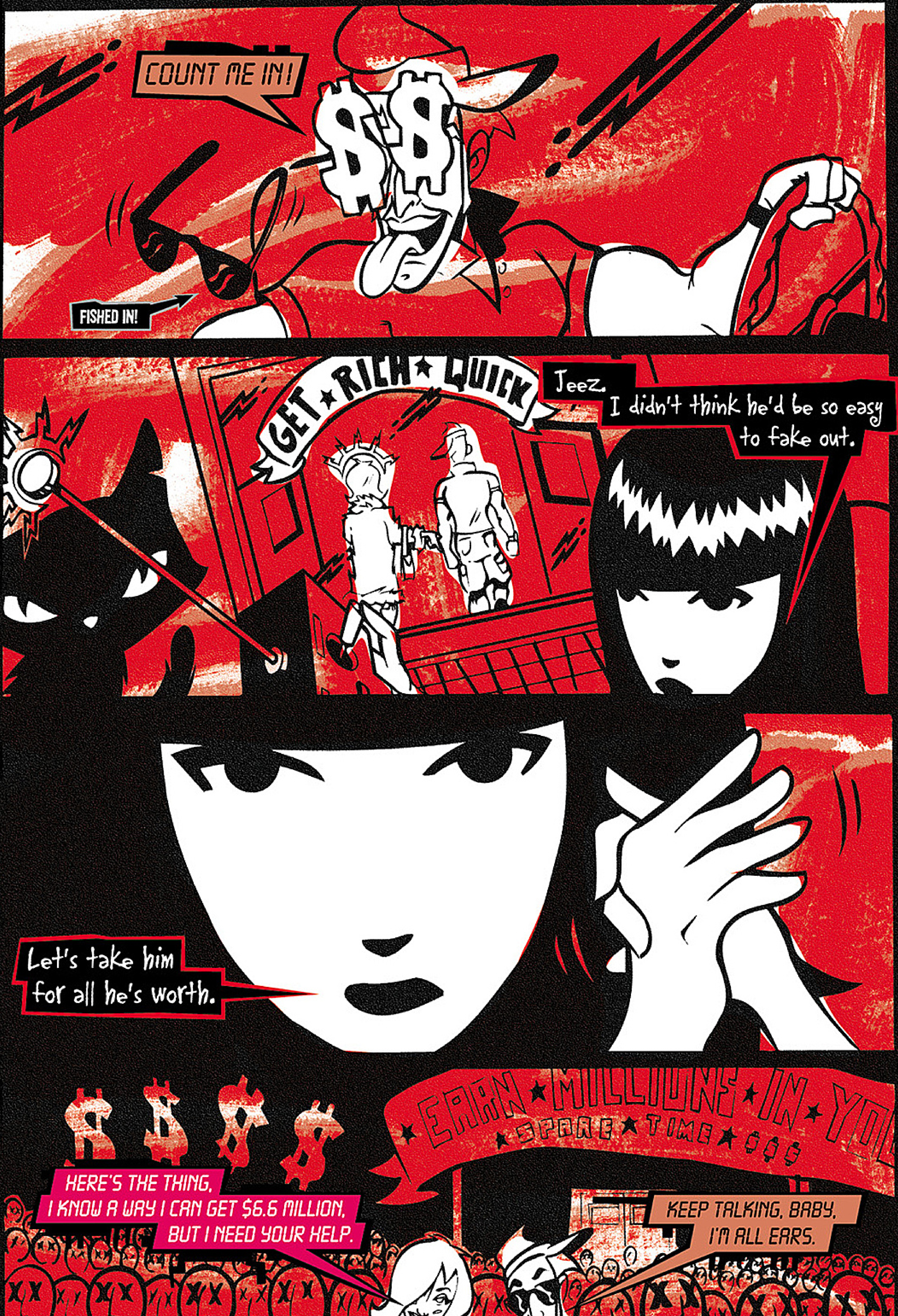
THIS ISN'T REALLY A COMIC
(It's just a hologram!)
EMILY IS REALLY A CAT
(Is that really such a mystery?)

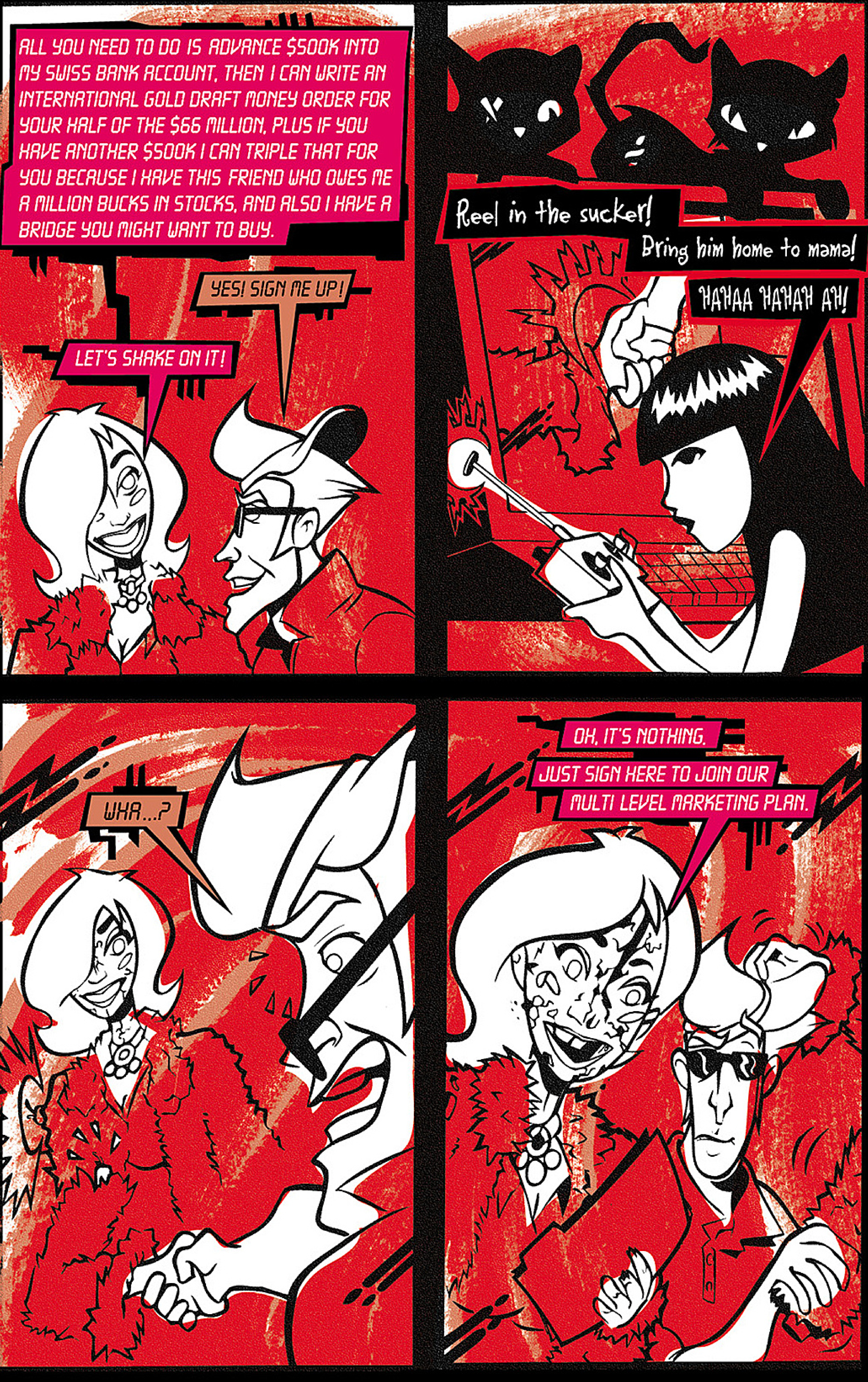

DEAD CAT WALKIN'
PART TWO
FAKE: THE TRAP!
Fluffy is back from the dead,
but we still need to get revenge on the jerk that killed her!
Here's the plan.
We need to set a trap... ...and BAIT the trap.

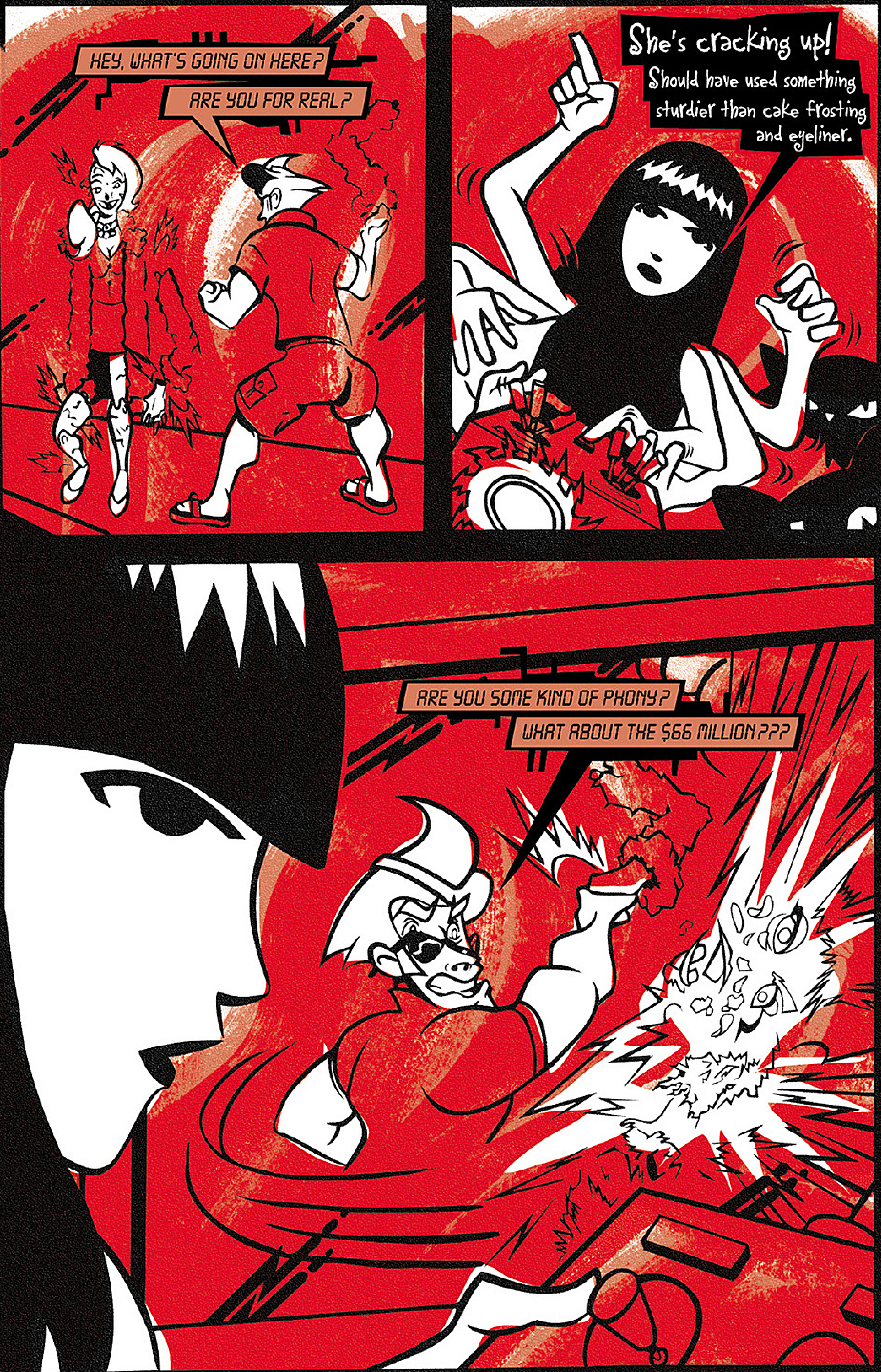

EMILY'S FAKETORY
Bring that simulation to life!
a Remote Controlled Fully Functioning
a Artificial Woman Patent Pending
We have the technology.
We can create her.
Aha ah hah ha hah
ha ha hah haha ha!
I give you...

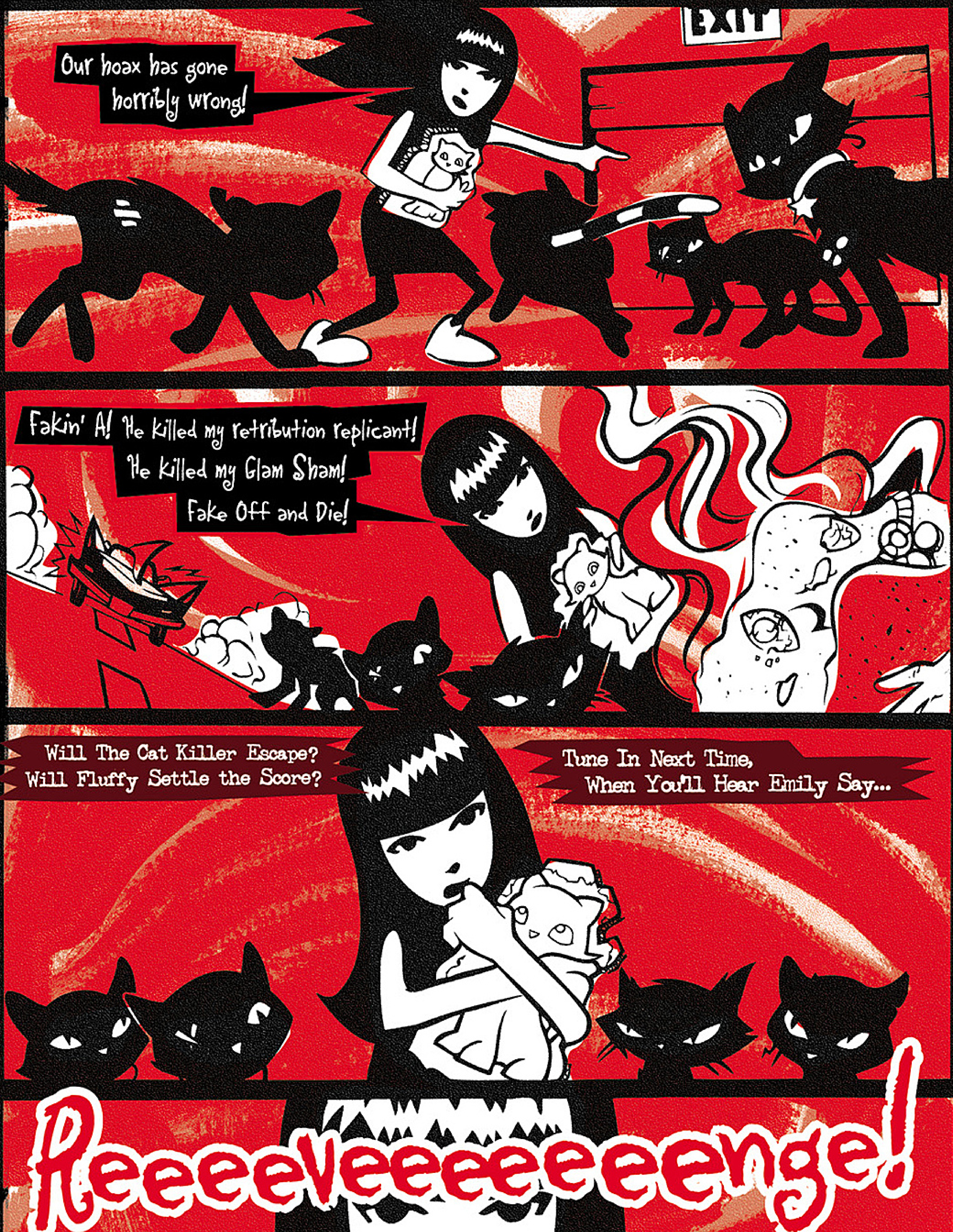

BLEACH BLONDE
FAKE & BAKE
BLUE CONTACTS
FAKE TEETH
COLLAGEN IMPLANTS
POLY-BLEND "SYLK" BLOUSE
FOOL'S GOLD
...my patented, remote-controlled, fully functioning GLAM SHAM!
FAKE TA-TAS
KNOCKOFF GUCCI AND FAKE ID
PROSTHETIC LIMBS
FAUX FUR
PLEATHER


All clear on the Glam Sham Cam.
That cat killer should be driving by... right about...NOW!
STOP!
HELP!
THANKS FOR STOPPING. MY CAR BROKE DOWN WANNA BUY SOME GENUINE SIMULATED CUBIC ZIRCONIA?
SURE, HOP IN!
WHERE YA HEADED, BABY?
TO A SEMINAR ON GETTING RICH IN REAL ESTATE WITH NO MONEY DOWN!


COUNT ME IN!
FISHED IN!
GET ★ RICH ★ QUICK
Jeez. I didn't think he'd be so easy to fake out.
Let's take him for all he's worth.
EARN ★ MILLIONS ★ IN YO
★ SPARE ★ TIME ★ $$$
HERE'S THE THING, I KNOW A WAY I CAN GET $6.6 MILLION, BUT I NEED YOUR HELP.
KEEP TALKING, BABY, I'M ALL EARS.

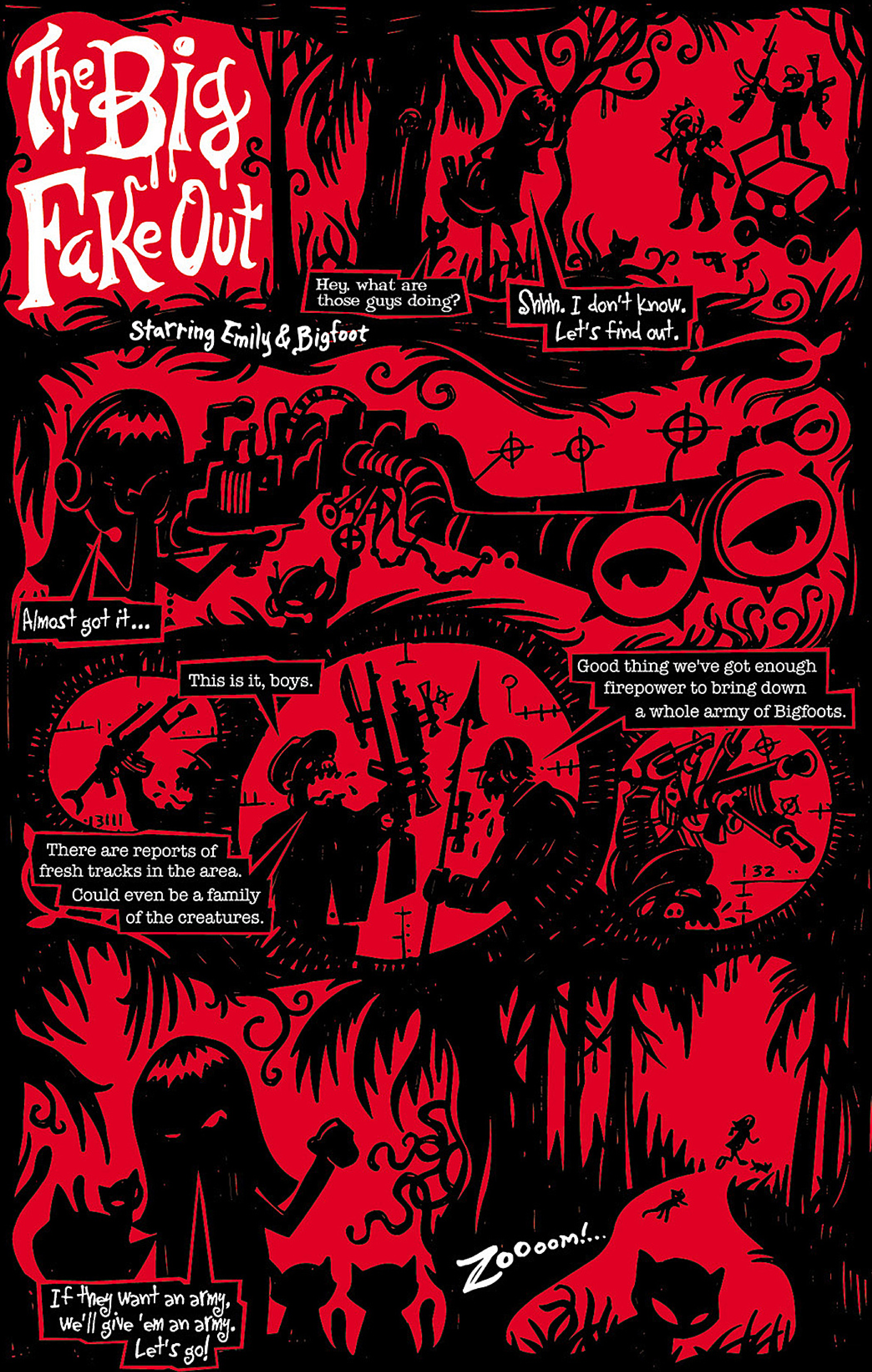

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ADVANCE $500K INTO MY SWISS BANK ACCOUNT, THEN I CAN WRITE AN INTERNATIONAL GOLD DRAFT MONEY ORDER FOR YOUR HALF OF THE $66 MILLION, PLUS IF YOU HAVE ANOTHER $500K I CAN TRIPLE THAT FOR YOU BECAUSE I HAVE THIS FRIEND WHO OWES ME A MILLION BUCKS IN STOCKS, AND ALSO I HAVE A BRIDGE YOU MIGHT WANT TO BUY.
YES! SIGN ME UP!
LET'S SHAKE ON IT!
Reel in the sucker!
Bring him home to mama!
HAHAA HAHAH AH!
WHA...?
OH, IT'S NOTHING.
JUST SIGN HERE TO JOIN OUR MULTI LEVEL MARKETING PLAN.

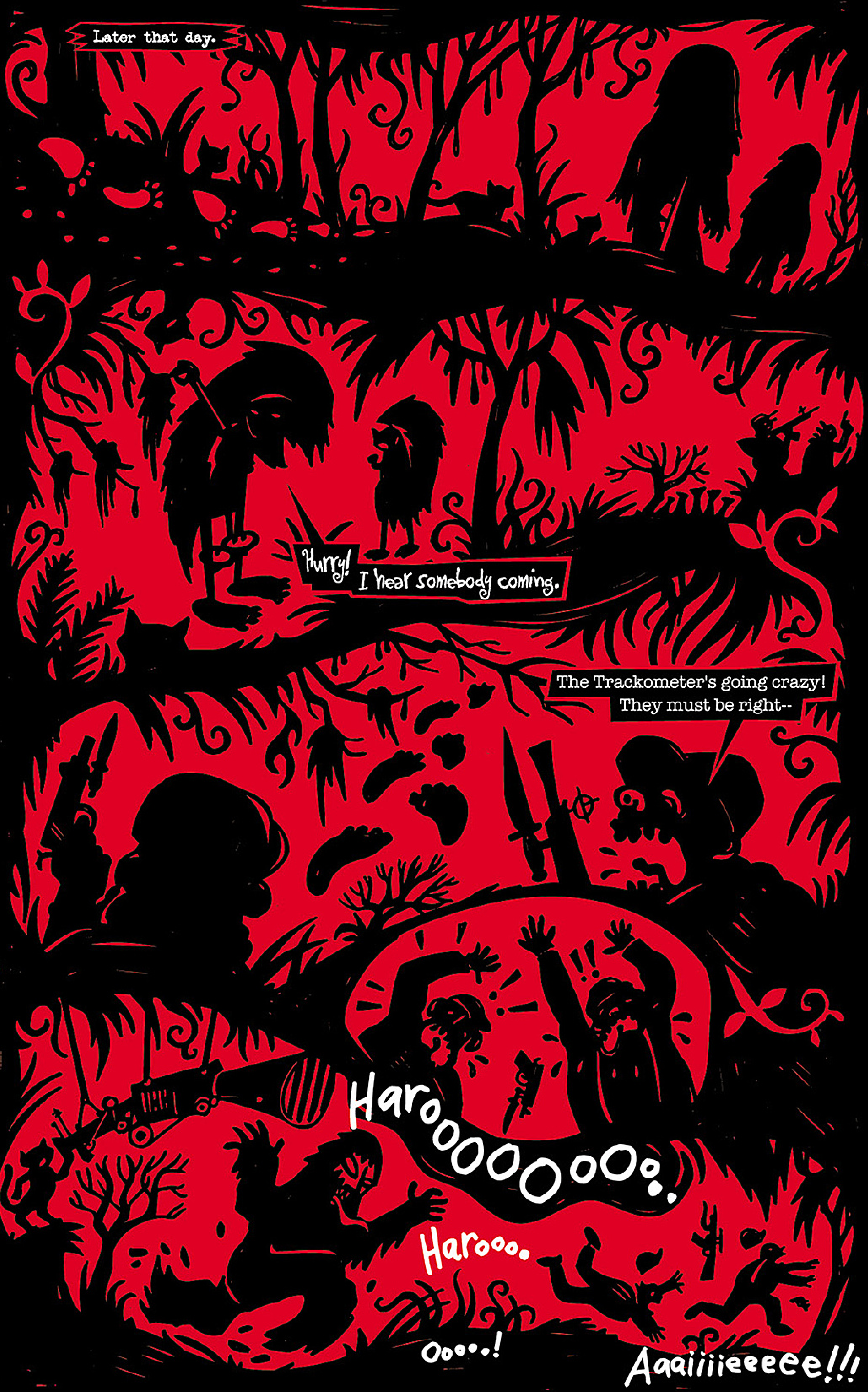

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
ARE YOU FOR REAL?
She's cracking up!
Should have used something sturdier than cake frosting and eyeliner.
ARE YOU SOME KIND OF PHONY?
WHAT ABOUT THE $66 MILLION???

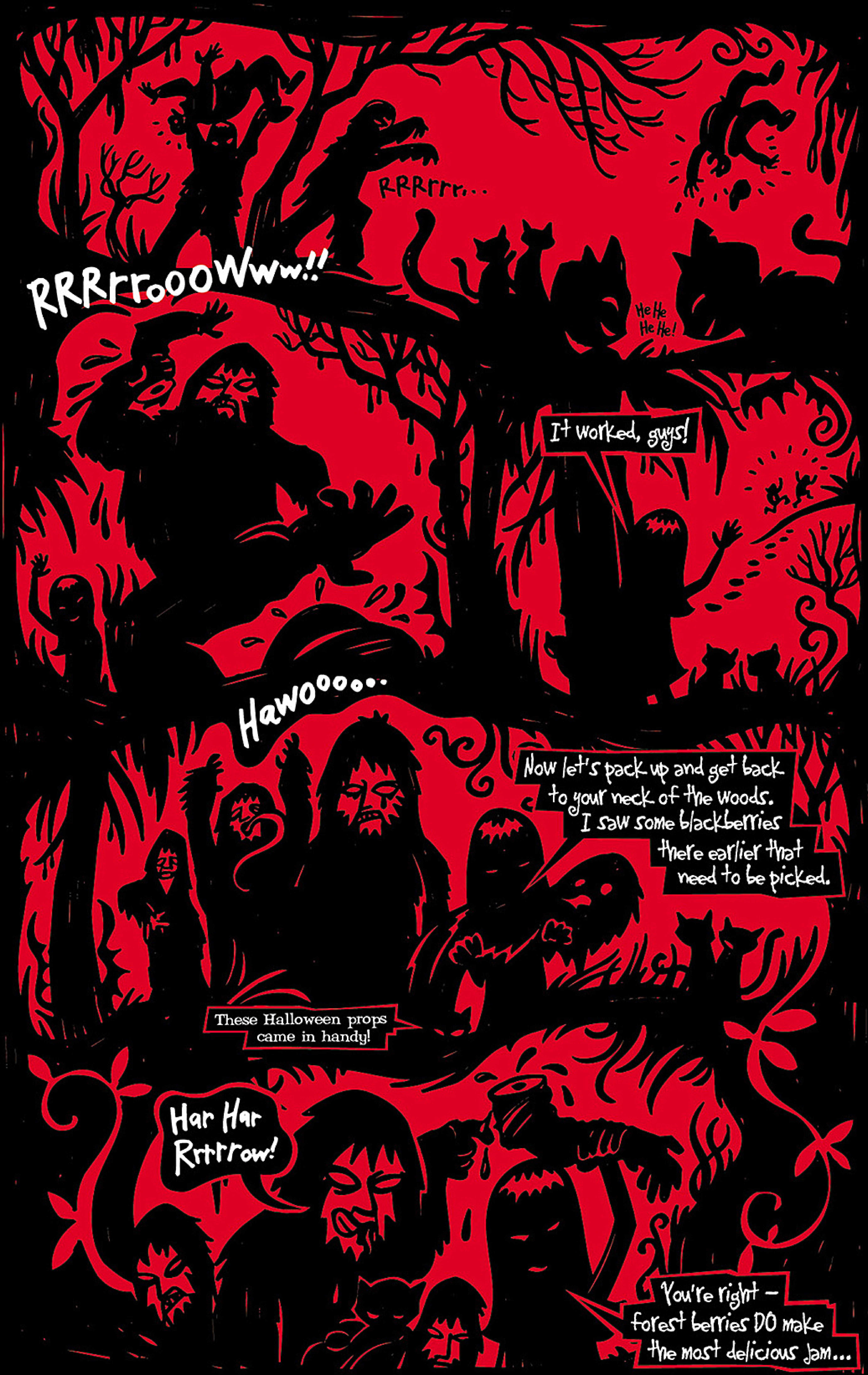

EXIT
Our hoax has gone horribly wrong!
Fakin' A! He killed my retribution replicant!
He killed my Glam Sham!
Fake Off and Die!
Will The Cat Killer Escape? Will Fluffy Settle the Score?
Tune In Next Time, When You'll Hear Emily Say...
Reeeeveeeeeeeeenge!
Meow!

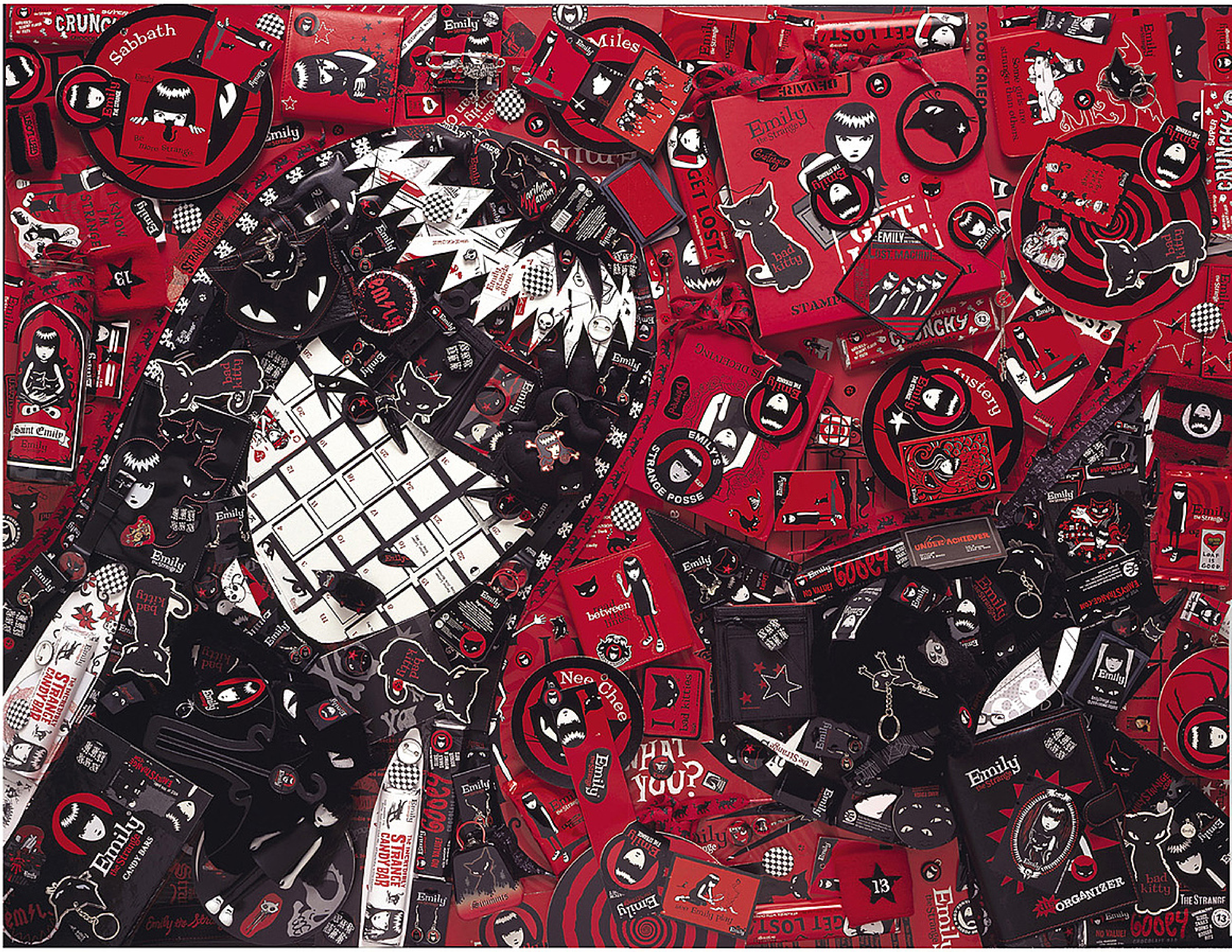
The Big Fake Out

Starring Emily & Bigfoot


Hey, what are those guys doing?
Shhh. I don't know. Let's find out.
Almost got it...
This is it, boys.
Good thing we've got enough firepower to bring down a whole army of Bigfoots.
There are reports of fresh tracks in the area. Could even be a family of the creatures.
If they want an army, we'll give 'em an army. Let's go!
ZOoOom!...


Later that day.
Hurry! I hear somebody coming.
The Trackometer's going crazy! They must be right--
Haroooooooo..
Harooo.
Oooo.!
Aaaiiiieeeee!!!


RRRrrr...
RRRrroooWww!!
He He He He!
It worked, guys!
Hawoooo...
Now let's pack up and get back to your neck of the woods. I saw some blackberries there earlier that need to be picked.
These Halloween props came in handy!
Har Har Rrrrrow!
You're right – forest berries DO make the most delicious jam...


CRUNCHY
Sabbath
Be more Strange
Miles
GET LOST
2008 CALENDAR
Emily the Strange
bad kitty
Saint Emily
Mystery
EMILY'S STRANGE POSSE
UNDERACHIEVER
GOOEY
NO VALUE!
between lines
Nee Chee
WHAT ARE YOU?
STRANGE CANDY BAR
CANDY BARS
ORGANIZER
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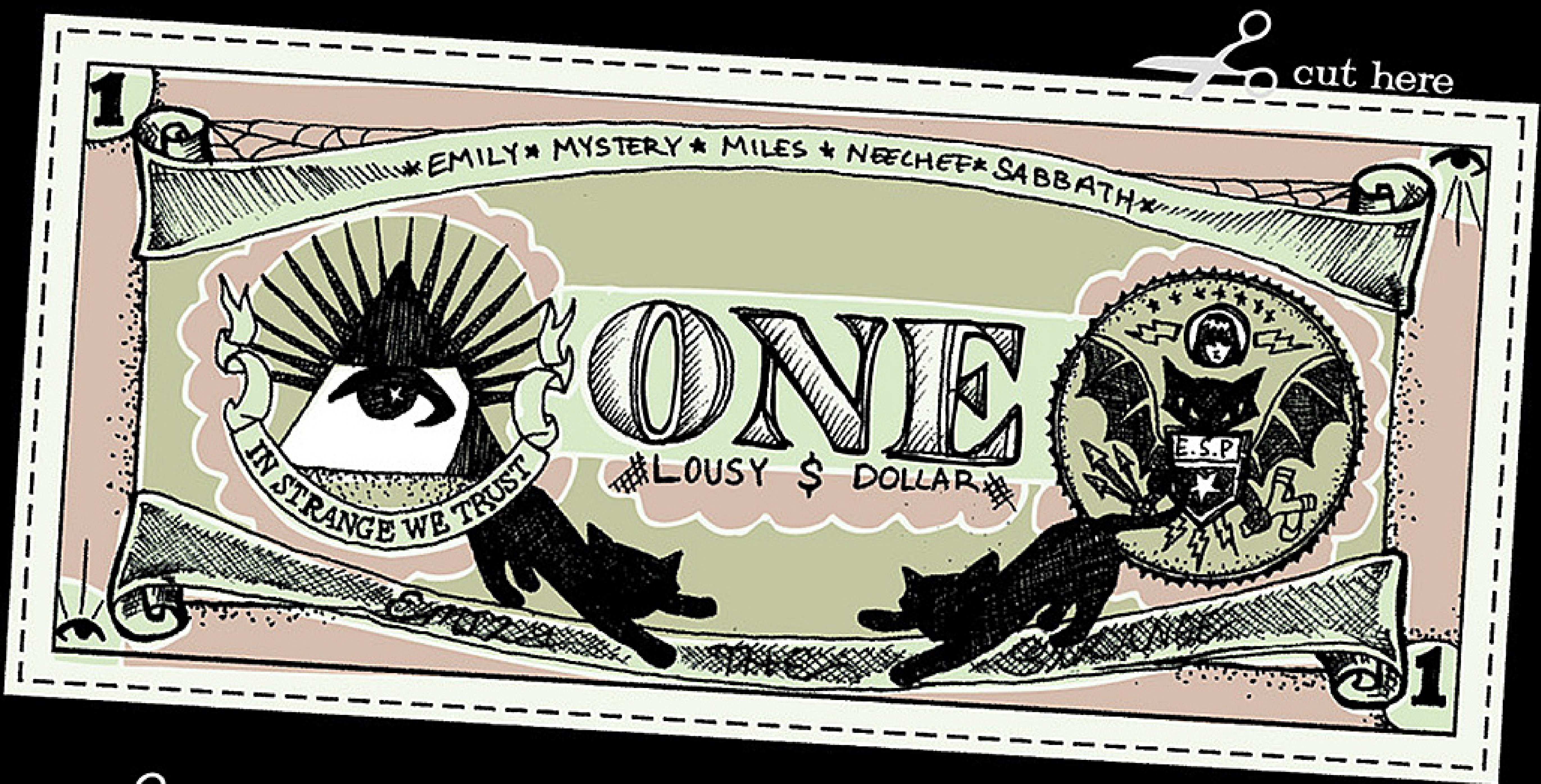
TRIP OUT #6 by Jason Mecier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EMILY MYSTERY * MILES * NEECHEE* SABBATH*
IN STRANGE WE TRUST
ONE
LOUSY $ DOLLAR
E.S.P
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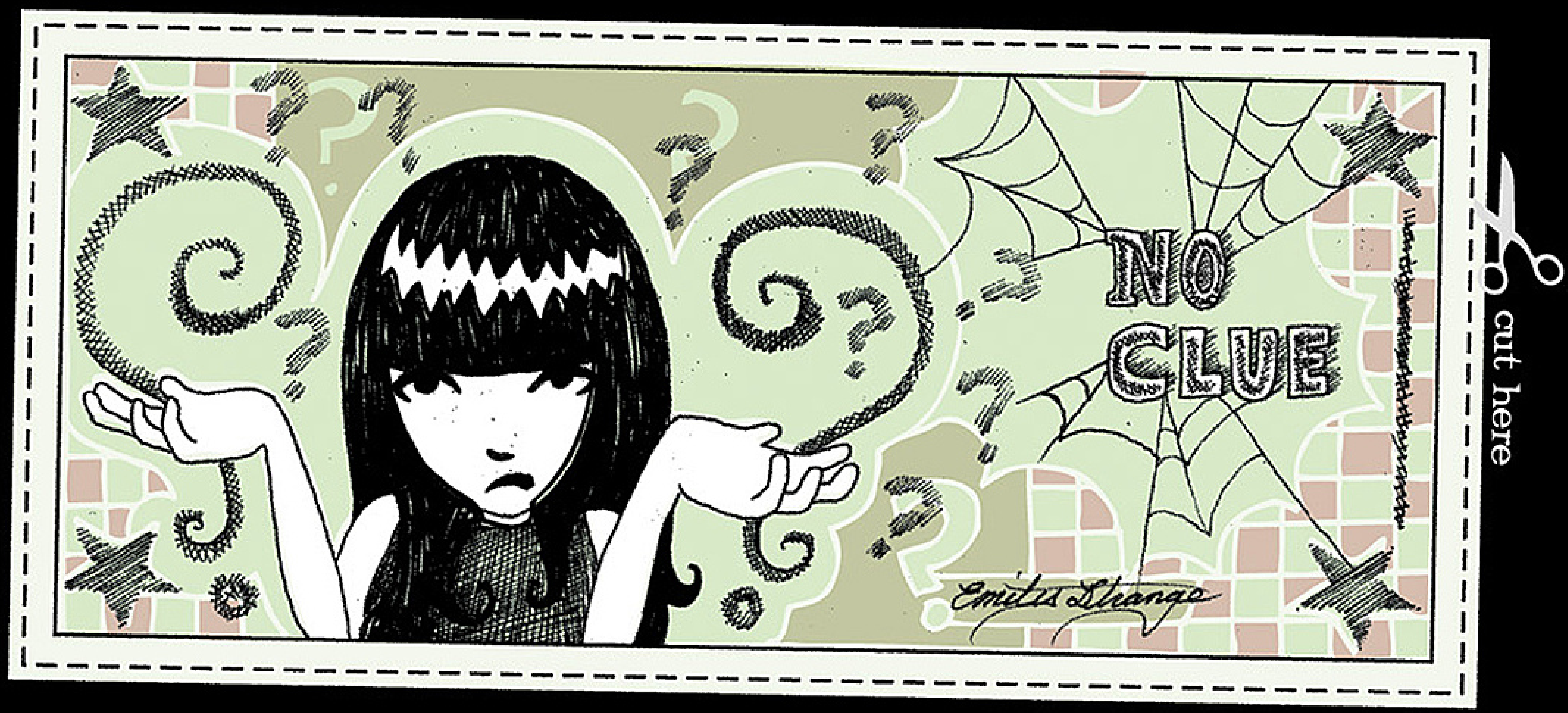
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Emilie Strange
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FAKE MONEY!

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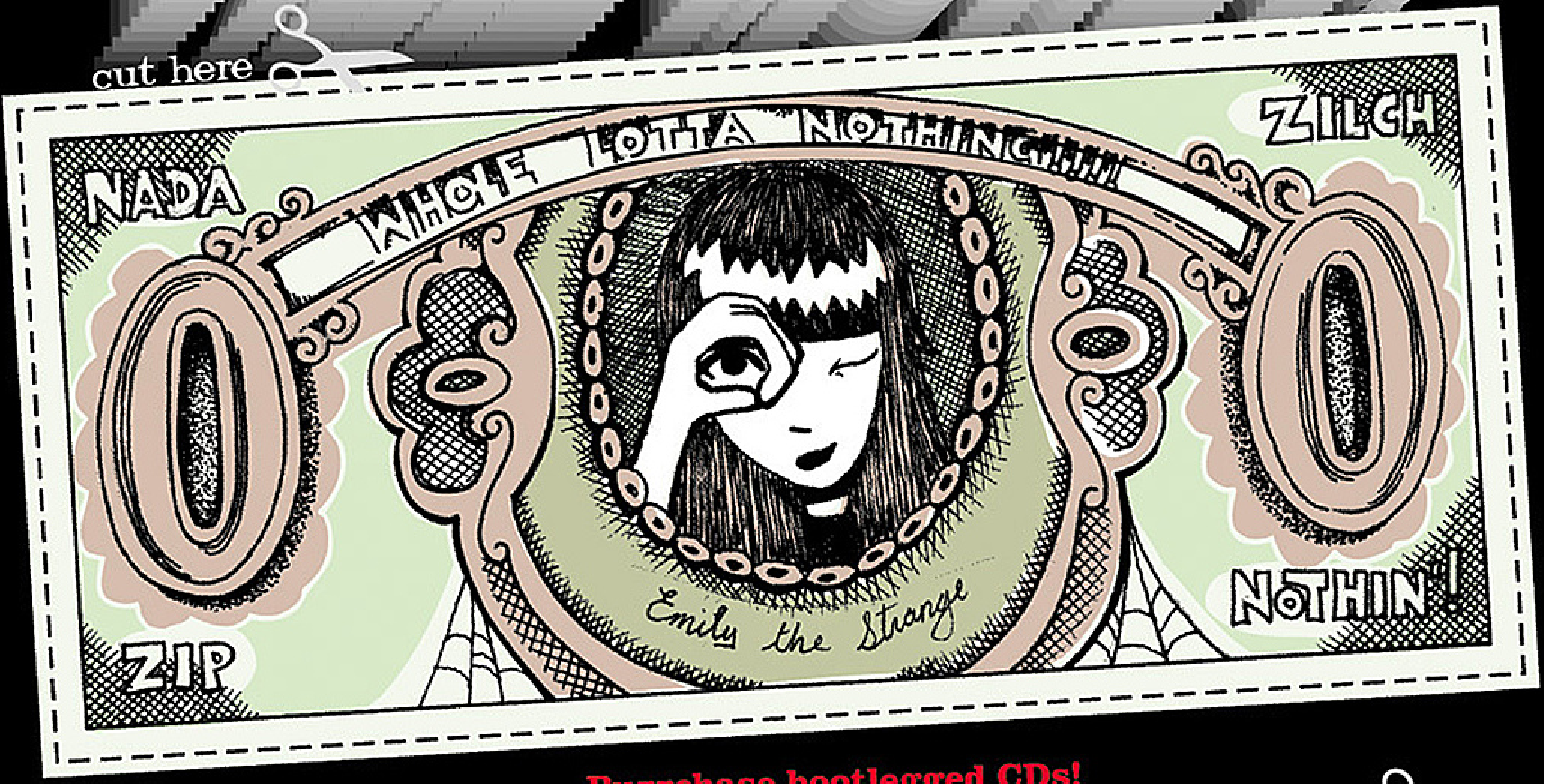
NADA
WHOLE LOTTA NOTHING!!!
ZILCH
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Emily the Strange
ZIP
NOTHIN'!

Purrchase bootlegged CDs!

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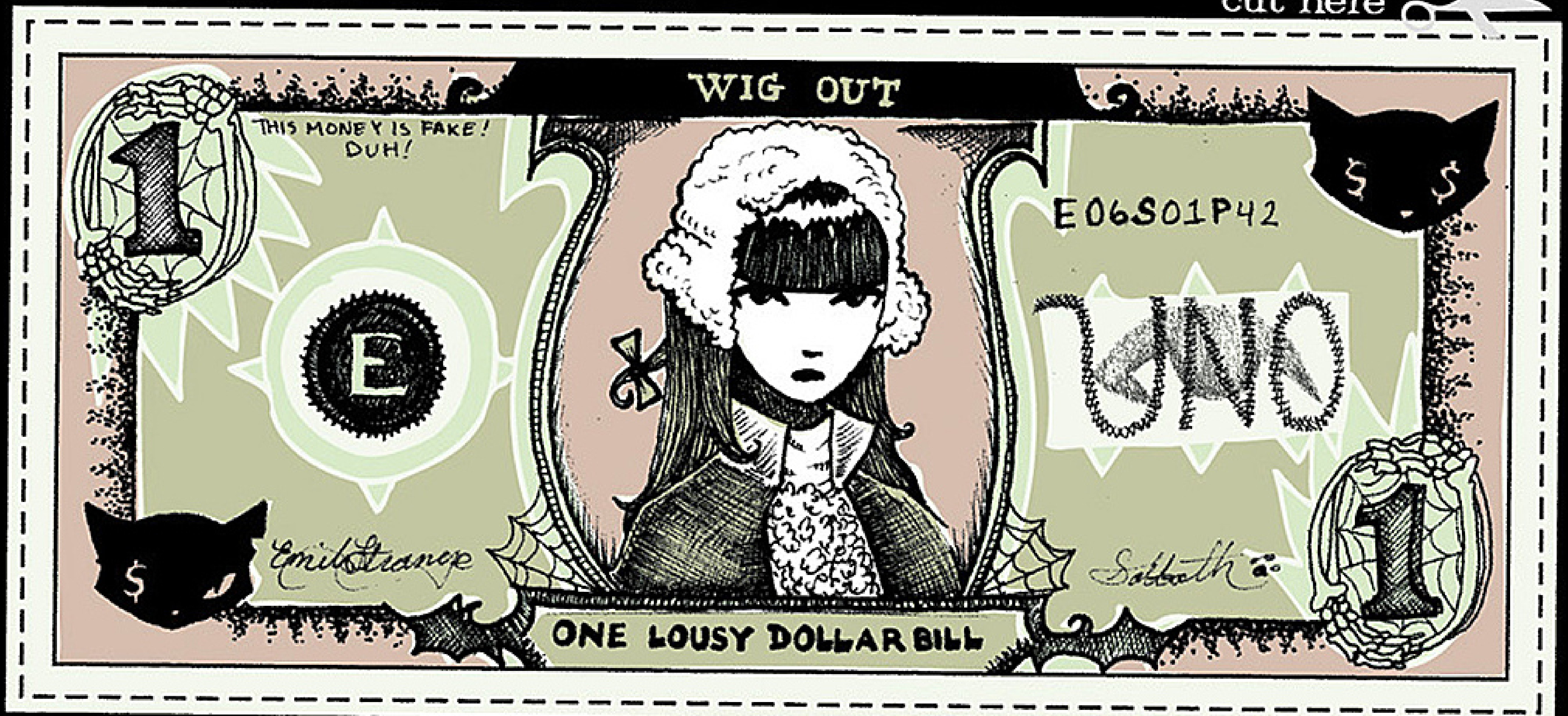
WIG OUT
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THIS MONEY IS FAKE! DUH!
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Emily Strange
Sabbath
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ONE LOUSY DOLLAR BILL

Fake tip for your stylist giving you a bad faux-hawk!

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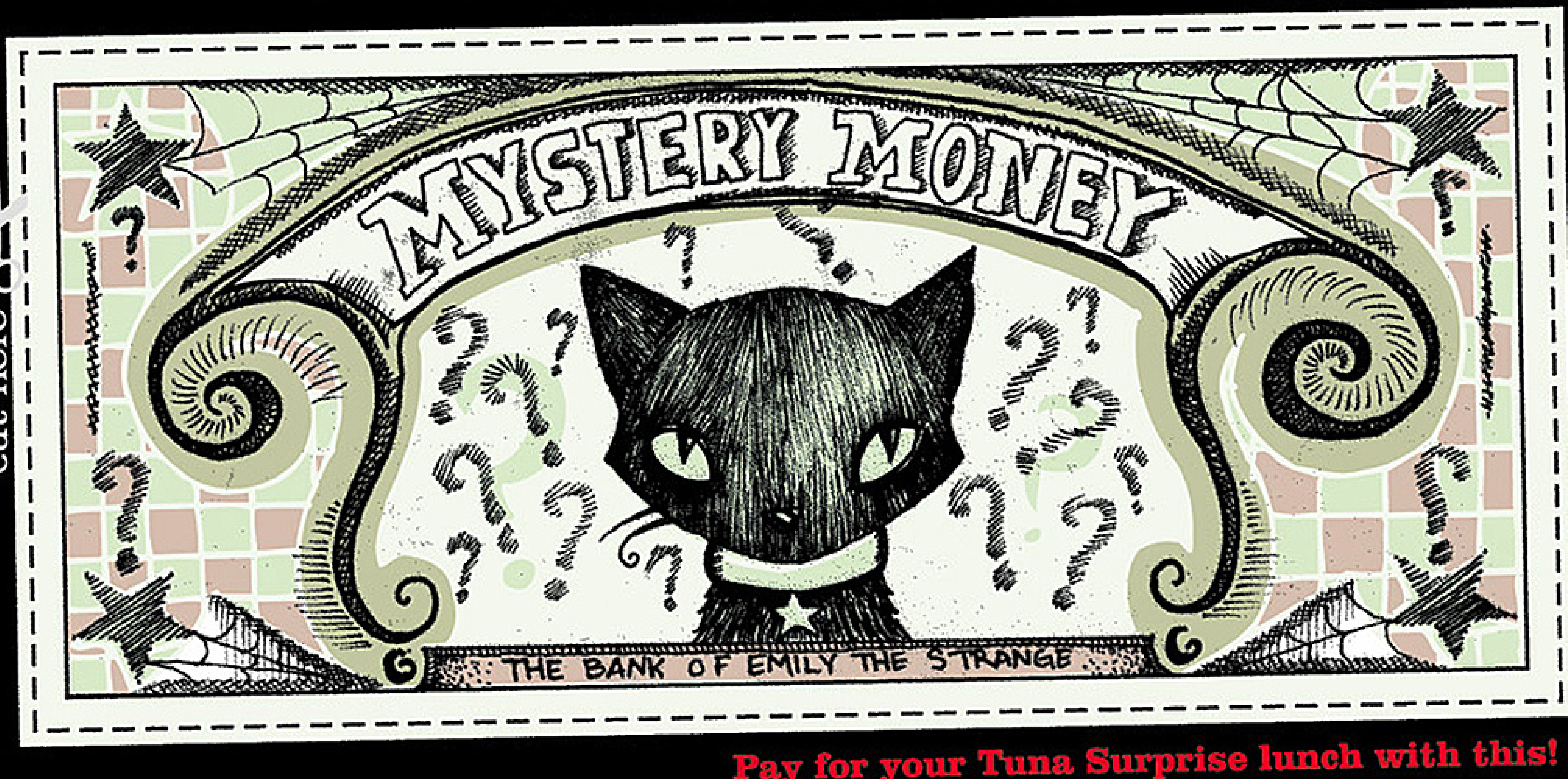
MYSTERY MONEY
THE BANK OF EMILY THE STRANGE

Pay for your Tuna Surprise lunch with this!

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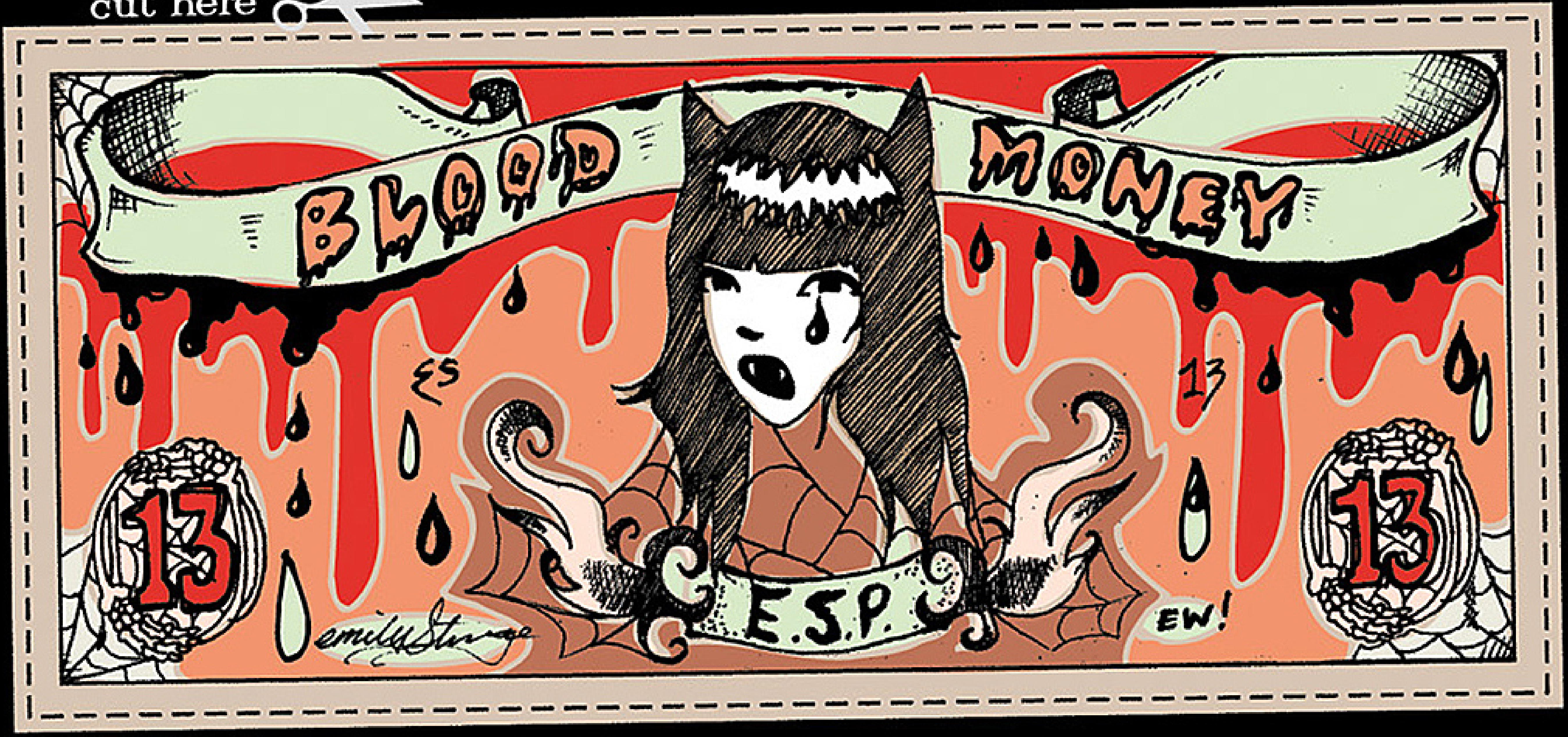
BLOOD MONEY
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E.S.P.
Emily Strange
EW!

No blood for oil! Or real money, either!

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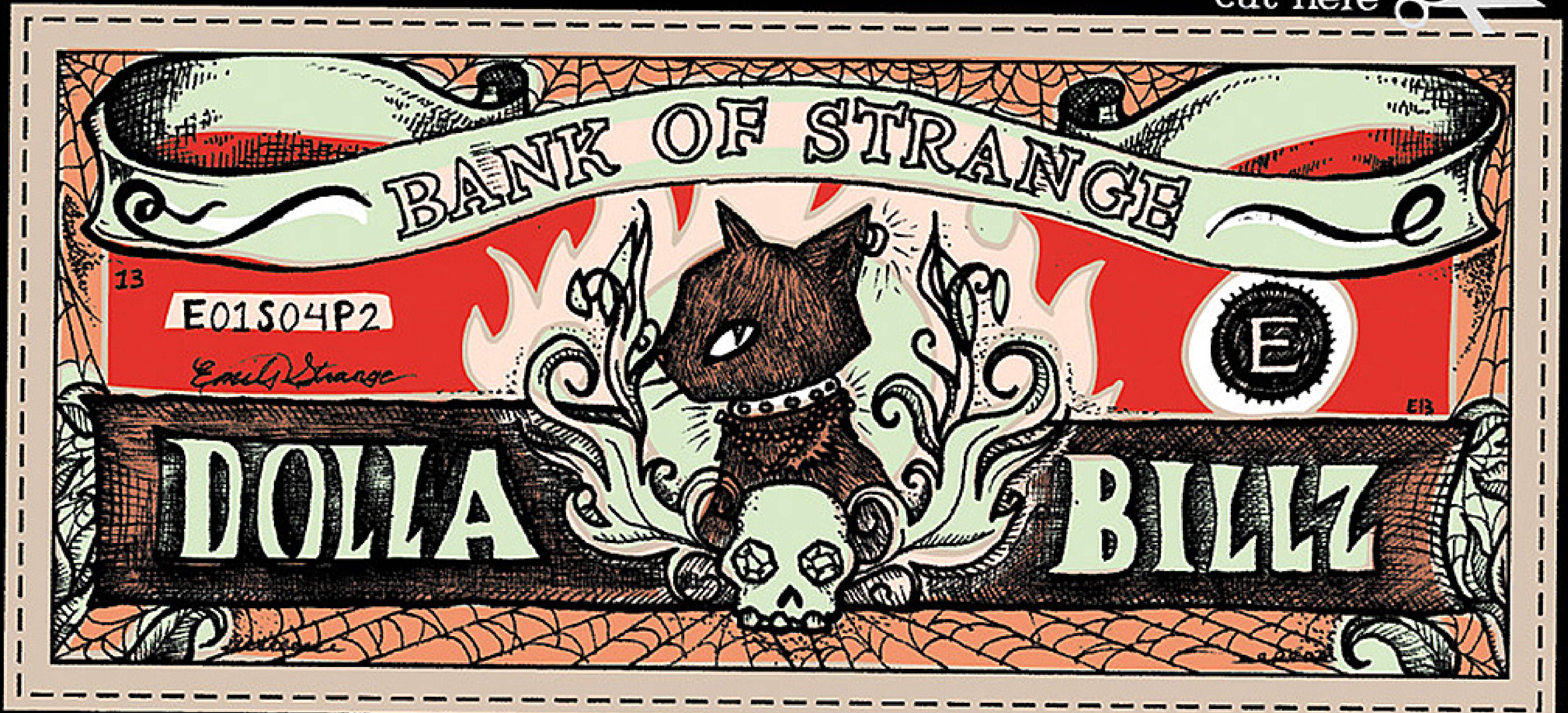
BANK OF STRANGE
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DOLLA
BILLZ

Use for purchase of rhinestone collar for your stuffed kitty!

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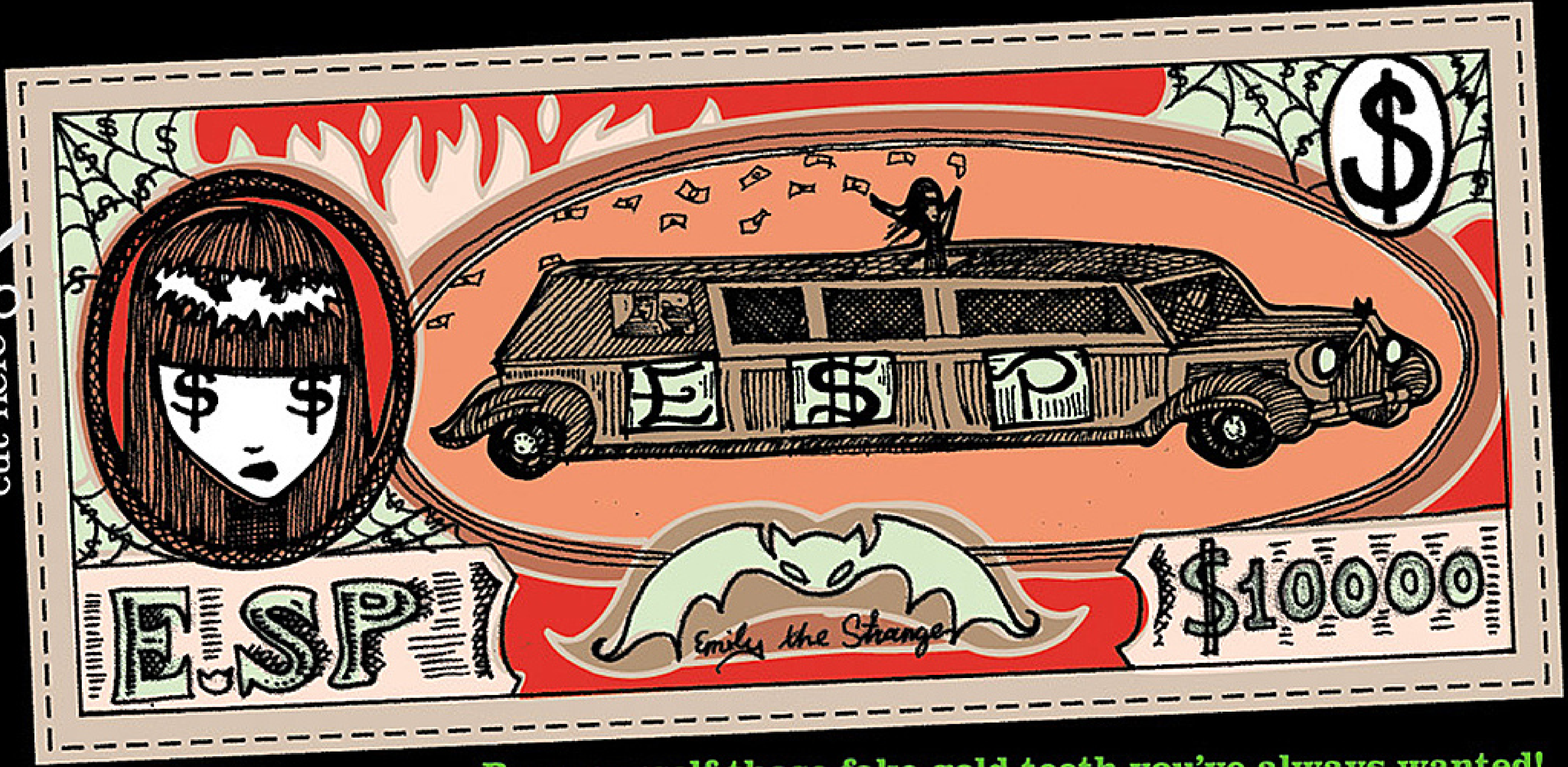
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E.S.P.
Emily the Strange
$10000

Buy yourself those fake gold teeth you've always wanted!

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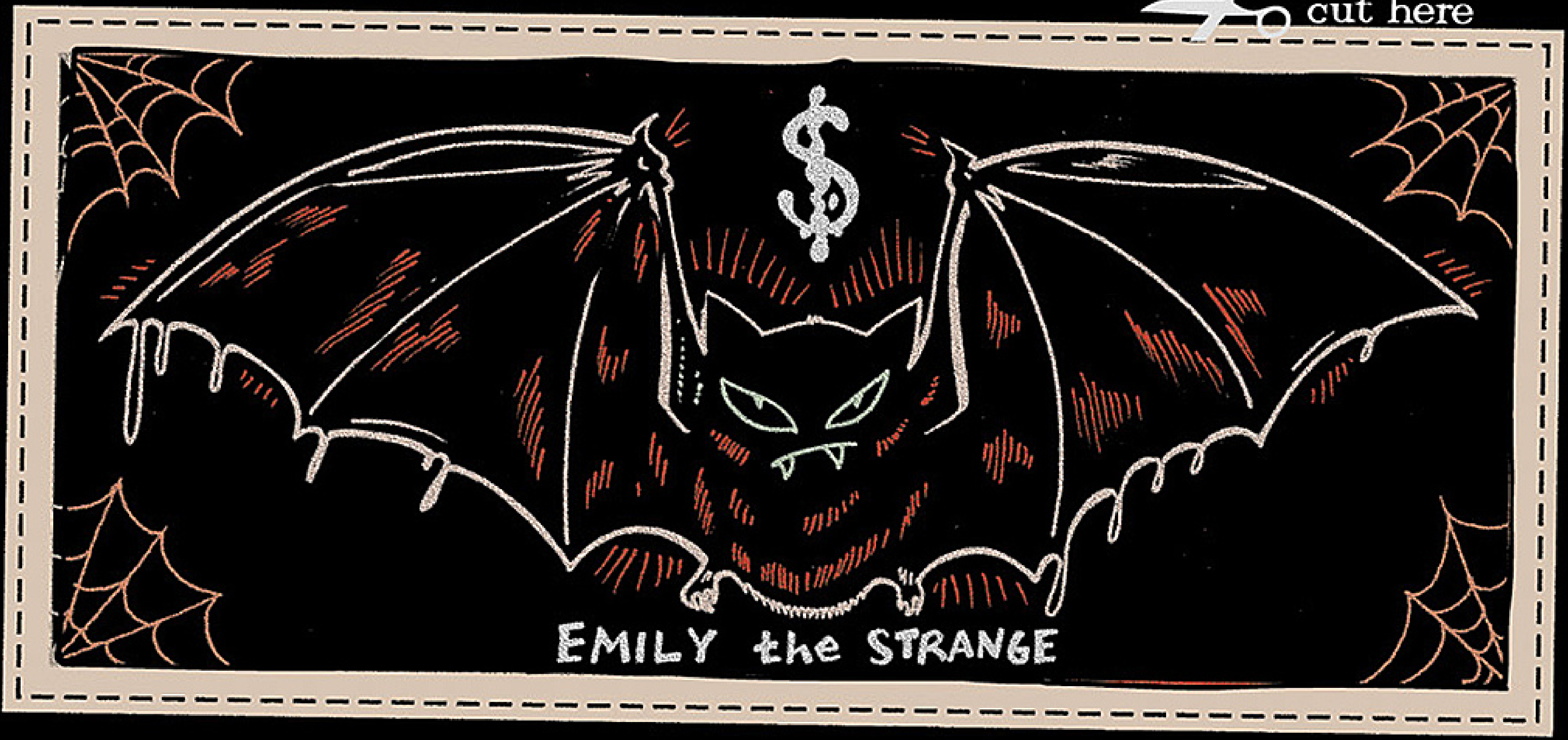
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EMILY the STRANGE

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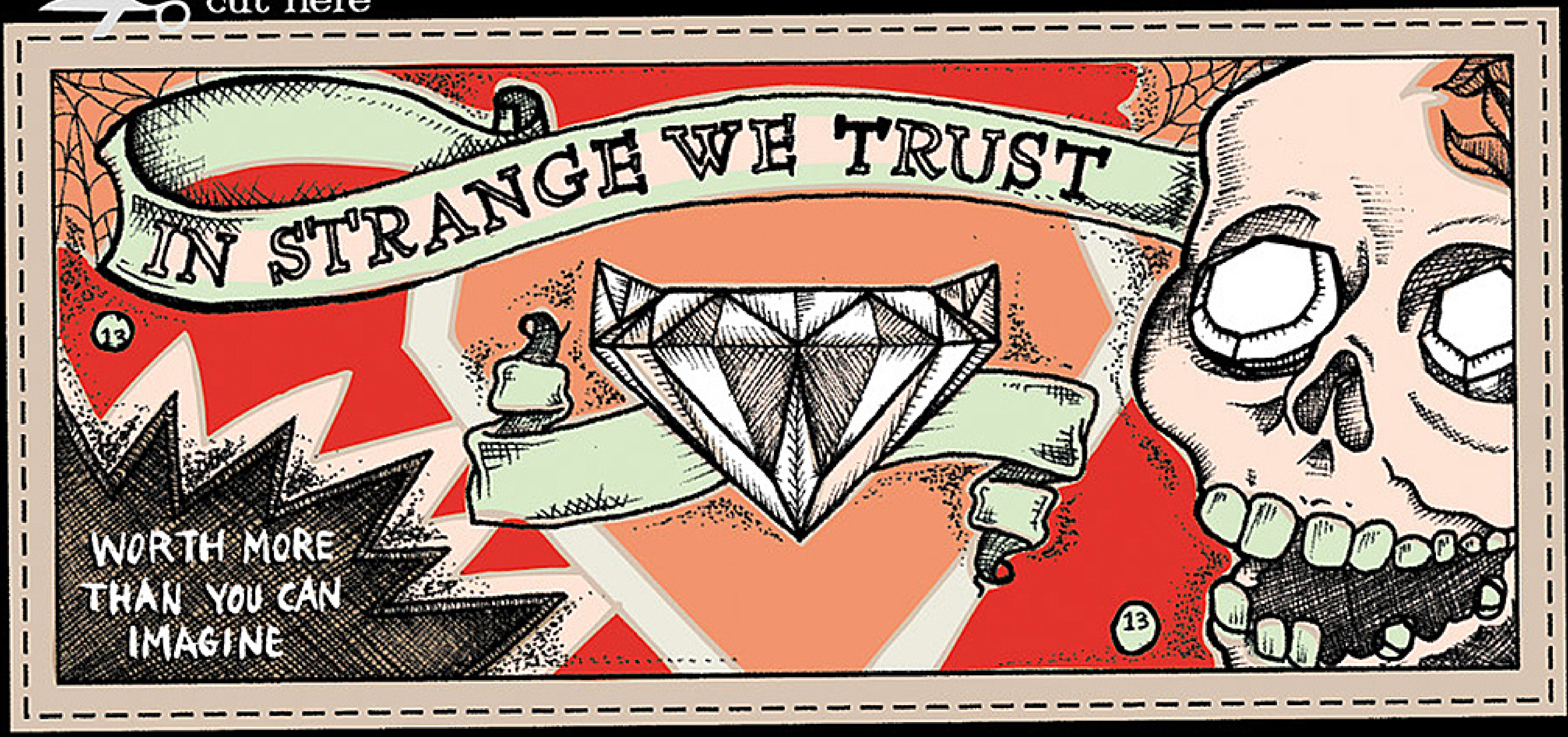
IN STRANGE WE TRUST
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WORTH MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE
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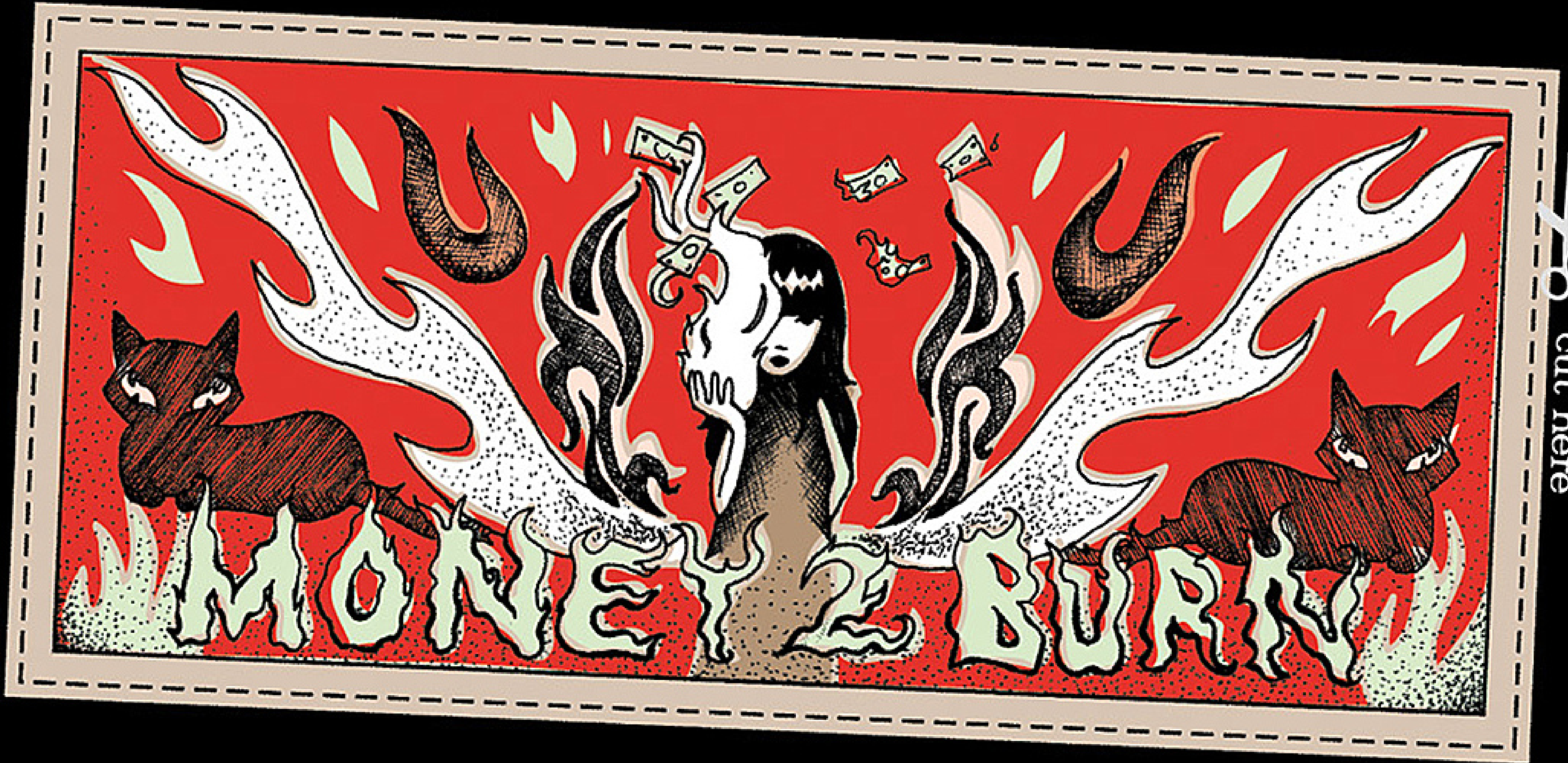
MONEY 2 BURN

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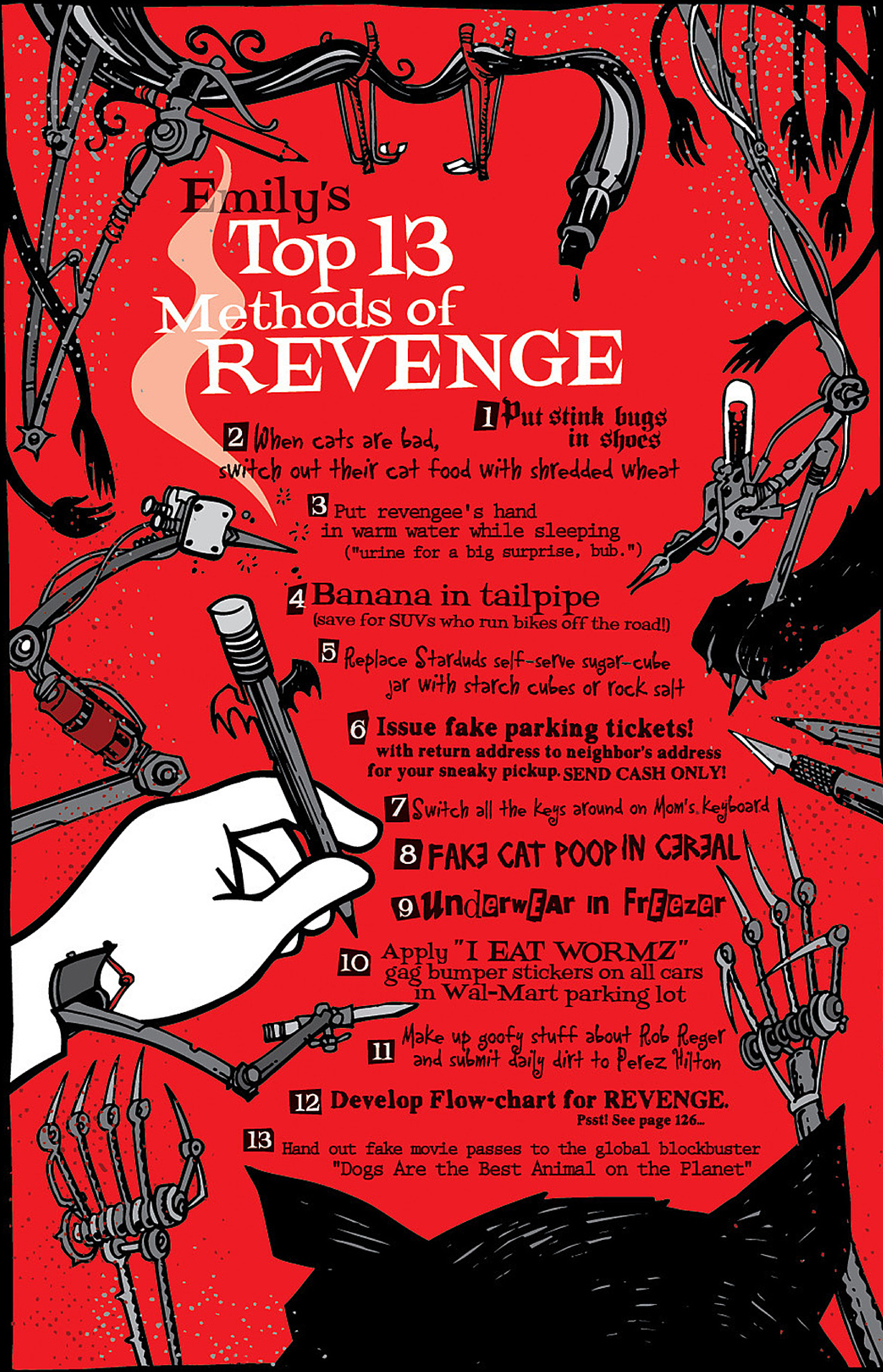
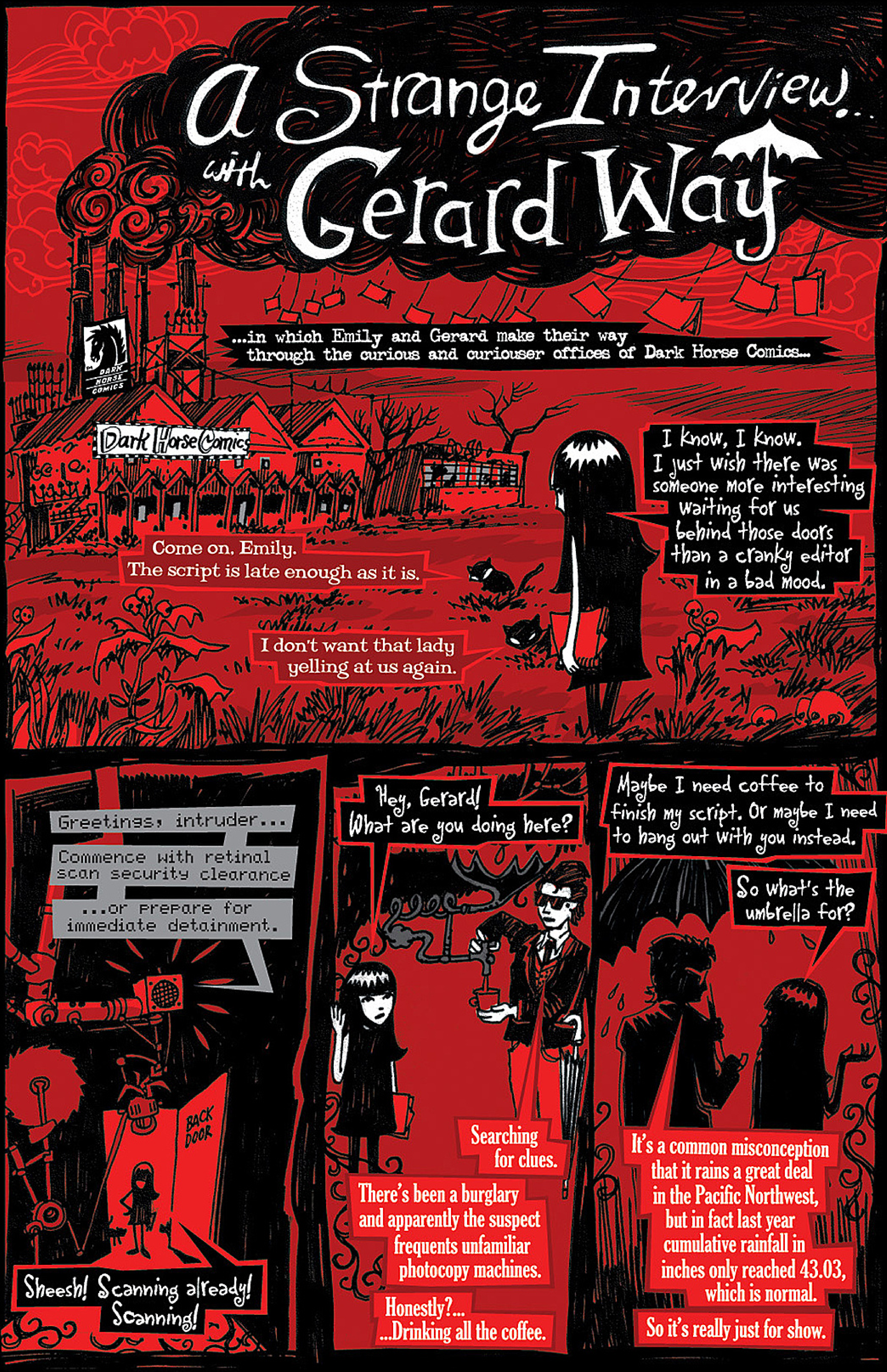


Emily's Top 13 Methods of REVENGE

1. Put stink bugs in shoes
2. When cats are bad, switch out their cat food with shredded wheat
3. Put revengee's hand in warm water while sleeping ("urine for a big surprise, bub.")
4. Banana in tailpipe (save for SUVs who run bikes off the road!)
5. Replace Starduds self-serve sugar-cube jar with starch cubes or rock salt
6. **Issue fake parking tickets!** with return address to neighbor's address for your sneaky pickup. SEND CASH ONLY!
7. Switch all the keys around on Mom's keyboard
8. FAKE CAT POOP IN CEREAL
9. Underwear in Freezer
10. Apply "I EAT WORMZ" gag bumper stickers on all cars in Wal-Mart parking lot
11. Make up goofy stuff about Rob Reger and submit daily dirt to Perez Hilton
12. **Develop Flow-chart for REVENGE.** Psst! See page 126...
13. Hand out fake movie passes to the global blockbuster "Dogs Are the Best Animal on the Planet"

A Strange Interview... with Gerard Way


A Strange Interview... with Gerard Way
...in which Emily and Gerard make their way through the curious and curiouser offices of Dark Horse Comics...
Dark Horse Comics
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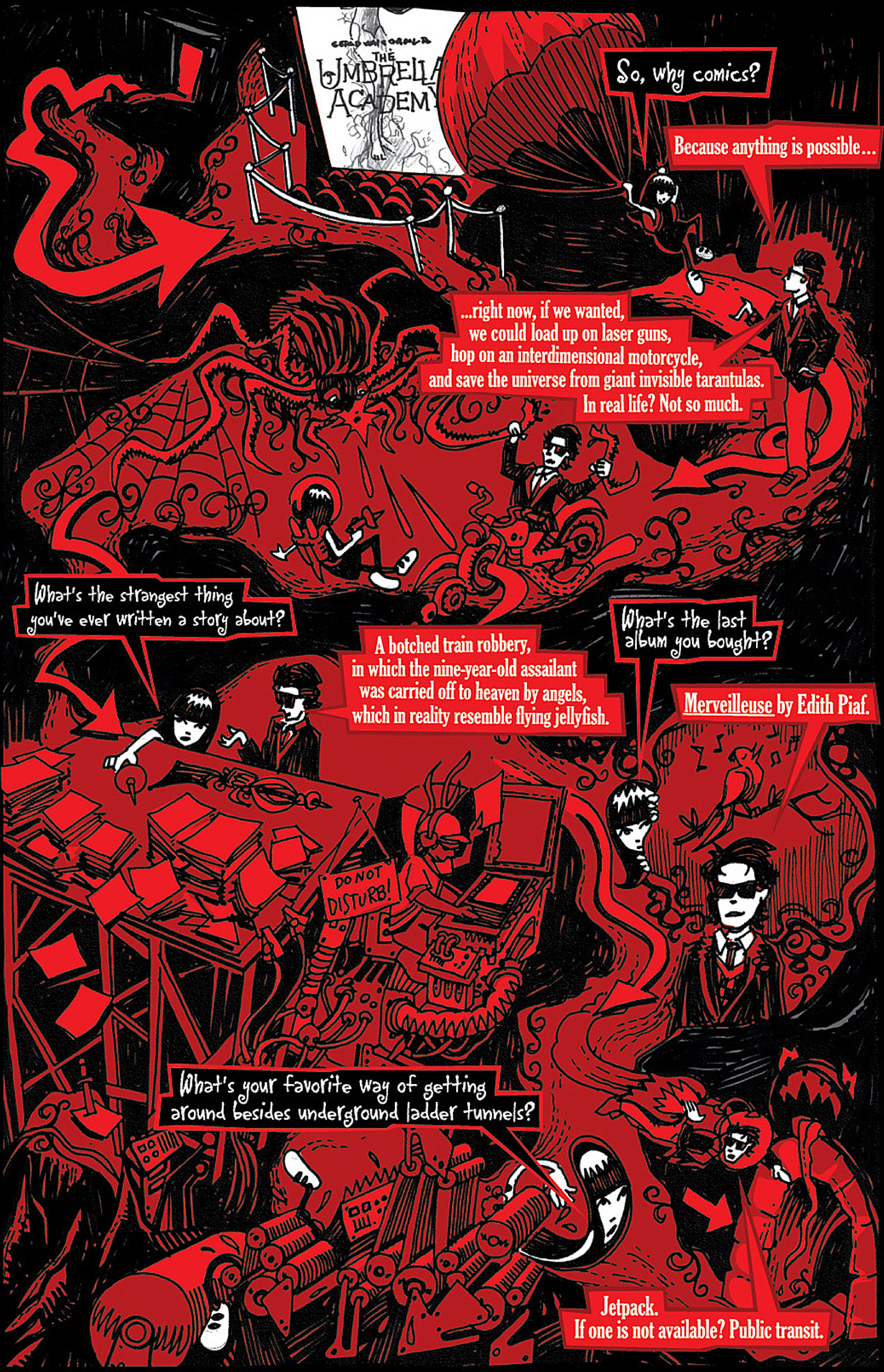
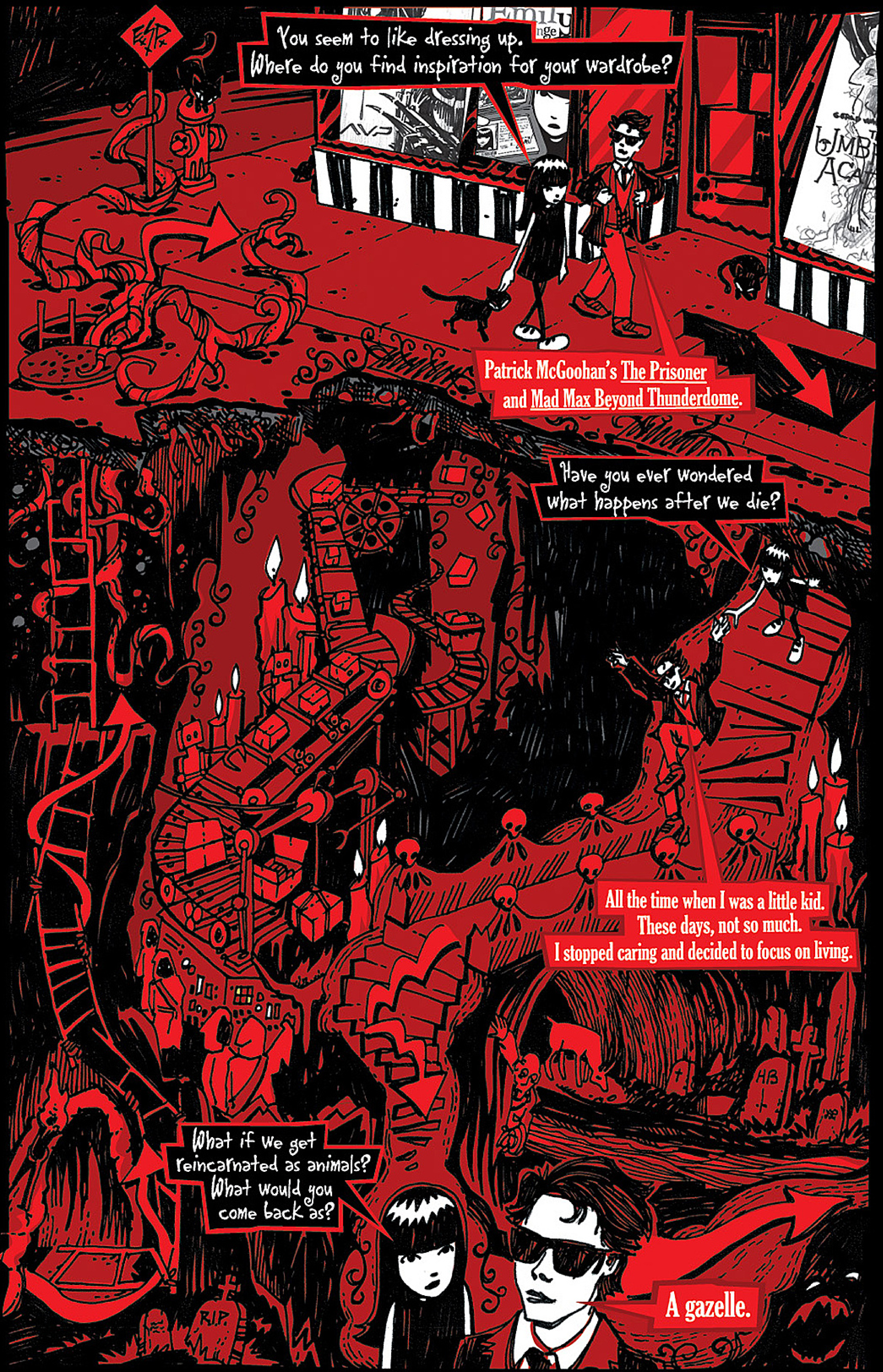
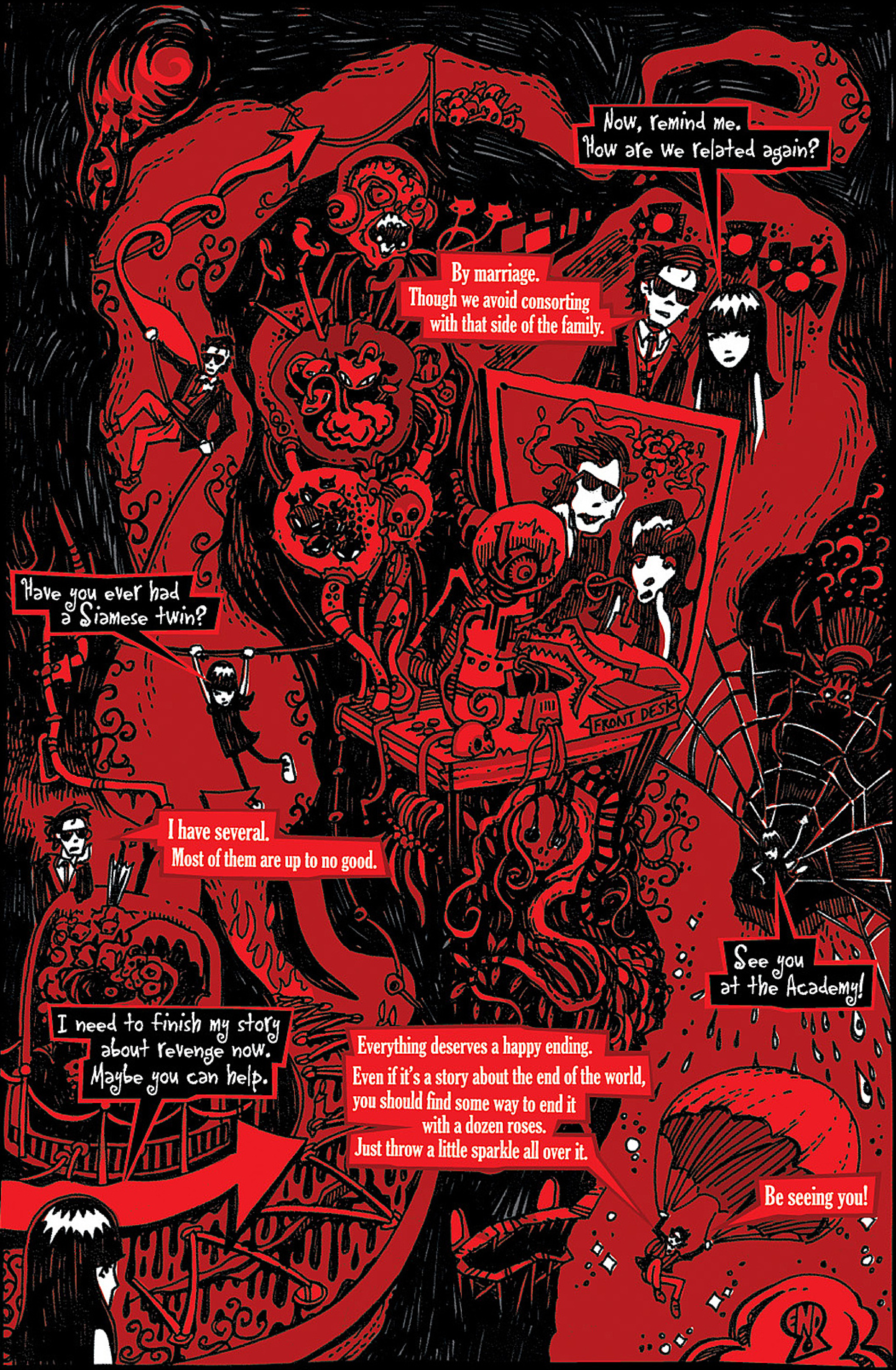
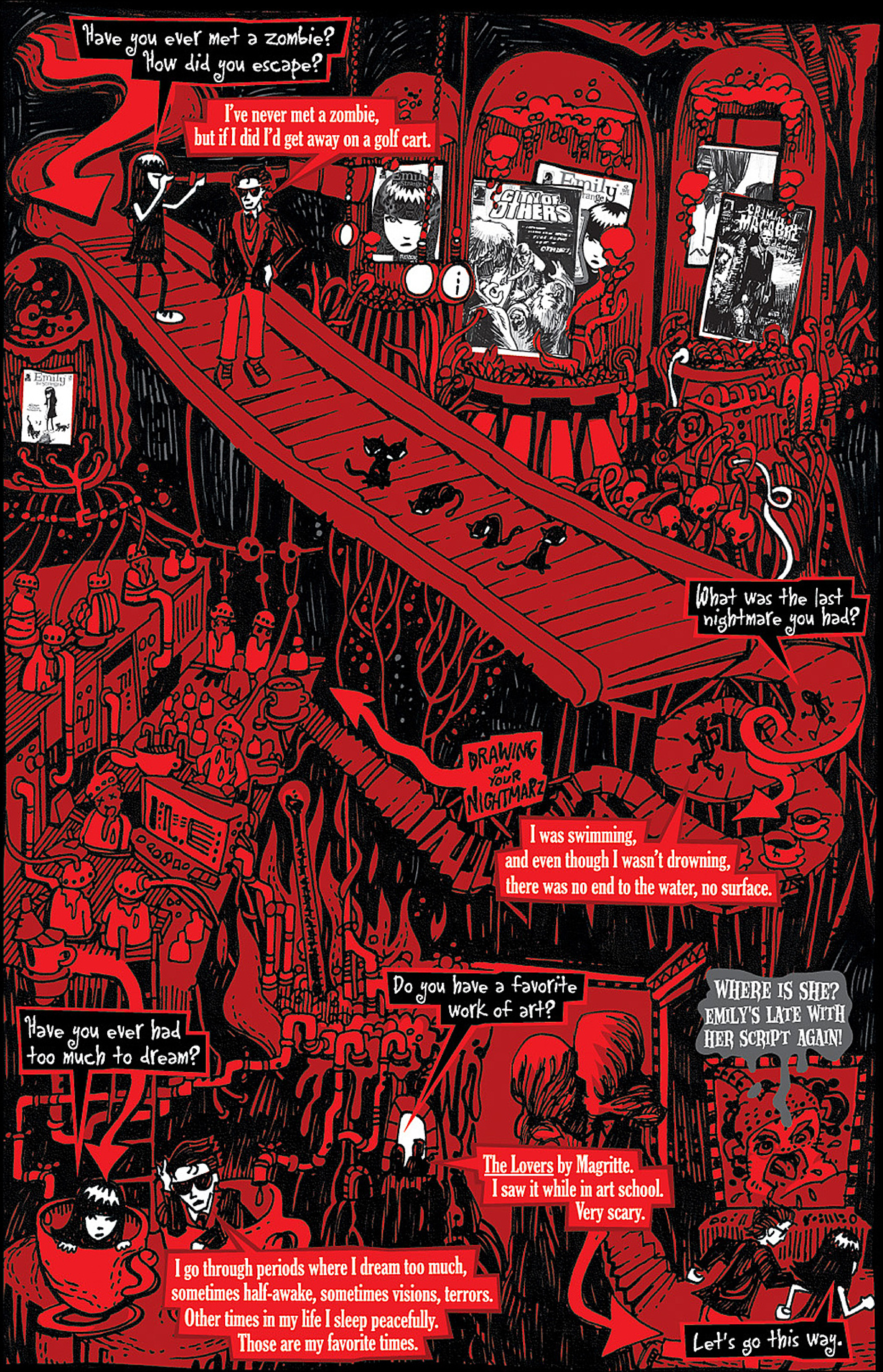
Come on, Emily. The script is late enough as it is.
I don't want that lady yelling at us again.
I know, I know. I just wish there was someone more interesting waiting for us behind those doors than a cranky editor in a bad mood.
Greetings, intruder...
Commence with retinal scan security clearance
...or prepare for immediate detainment.
BACK DOOR
Sheesh! Scanning already! Scanning!
Hey, Gerard! What are you doing here?
Searching for clues.
There's been a burglary and apparently the suspect frequents unfamiliar photocopy machines.
Honestly?... ...Drinking all the coffee.
Maybe I need coffee to finish my script. Or maybe I need to hang out with you instead.
So what's the umbrella for?
It's a common misconception that it rains a great deal in the Pacific Northwest, but in fact last year cumulative rainfall in inches only reached 43.03, which is normal.
So it's really just for show.


THE UMBRELLA ACADEMY
So, why comics?
Because anything is possible…
…right now, if we wanted, we could load up on laser guns, hop on an interdimensional motorcycle, and save the universe from giant invisible tarantulas. In real life? Not so much.
What's the strangest thing you've ever written a story about?
A botched train robbery, in which the nine-year-old assailant was carried off to heaven by angels, which in reality resemble flying jellyfish.
What's the last album you bought?
Merveilleuse by Edith Piaf.
DO NOT DISTURB!
What's your favorite way of getting around besides underground ladder tunnels?
Jetpack. If one is not available? Public transit.


E.S.P.
Emily
You seem to like dressing up.
Where do you find inspiration for your wardrobe?
AVP
UMBR ACA
Patrick McGoohan's The Prisoner and Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome.
Have you ever wondered what happens after we die?
All the time when I was a little kid.
These days, not so much.
I stopped caring and decided to focus on living.
HB
What if we get reincarnated as animals? What would you come back as?
R.I.P.
A gazelle.


Now, remind me. How are we related again?
By marriage. Though we avoid consorting with that side of the family.
FRONT DESK
Have you ever had a Siamese twin?
I have several. Most of them are up to no good.
See you at the Academy!
I need to finish my story about revenge now. Maybe you can help.
Everything deserves a happy ending. Even if it's a story about the end of the world, you should find some way to end it with a dozen roses. Just throw a little sparkle all over it.
Be seeing you!


Have you ever met a zombie? How did you escape?
I've never met a zombie, but if I did I'd get away on a golf cart.
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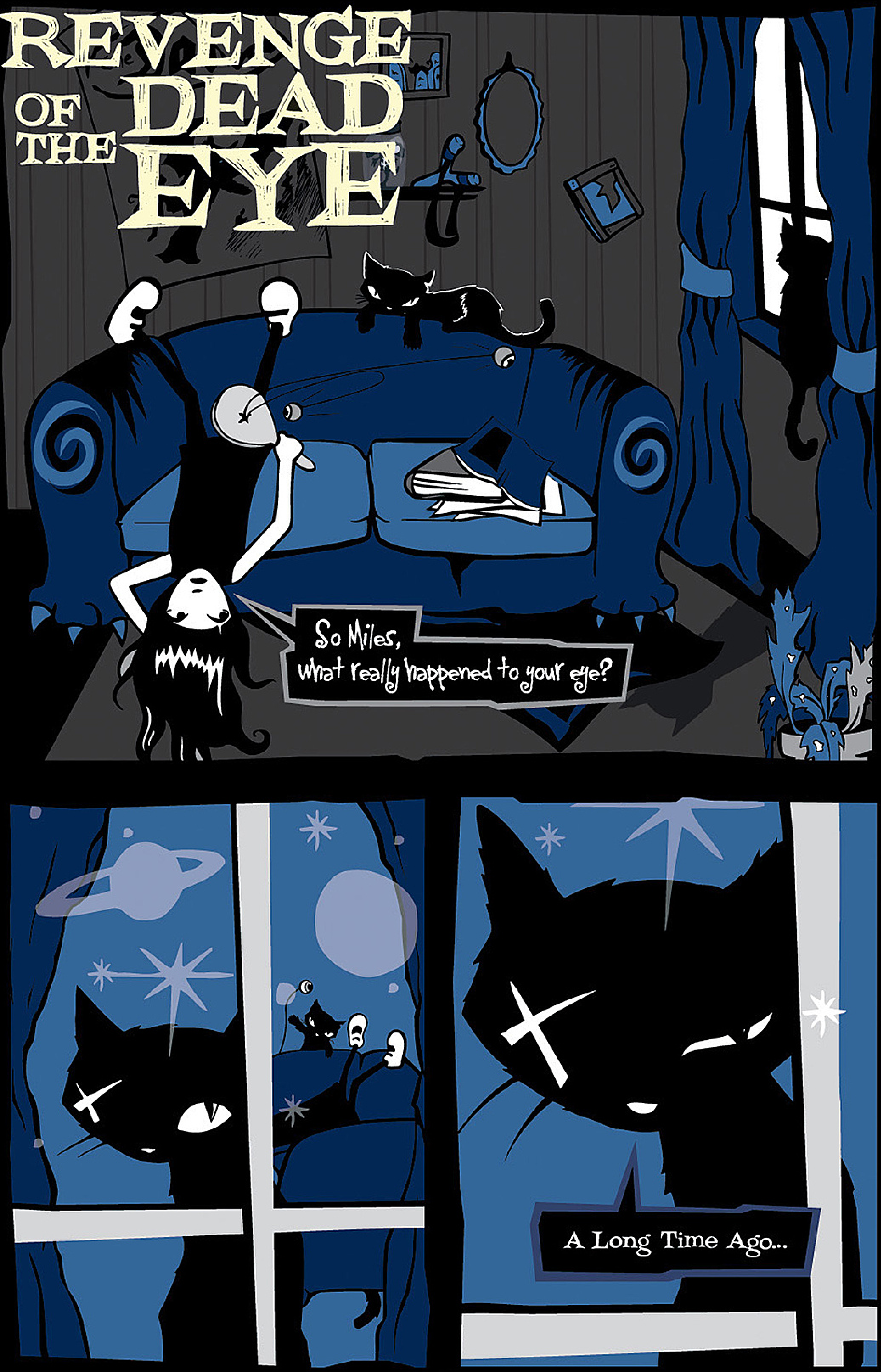
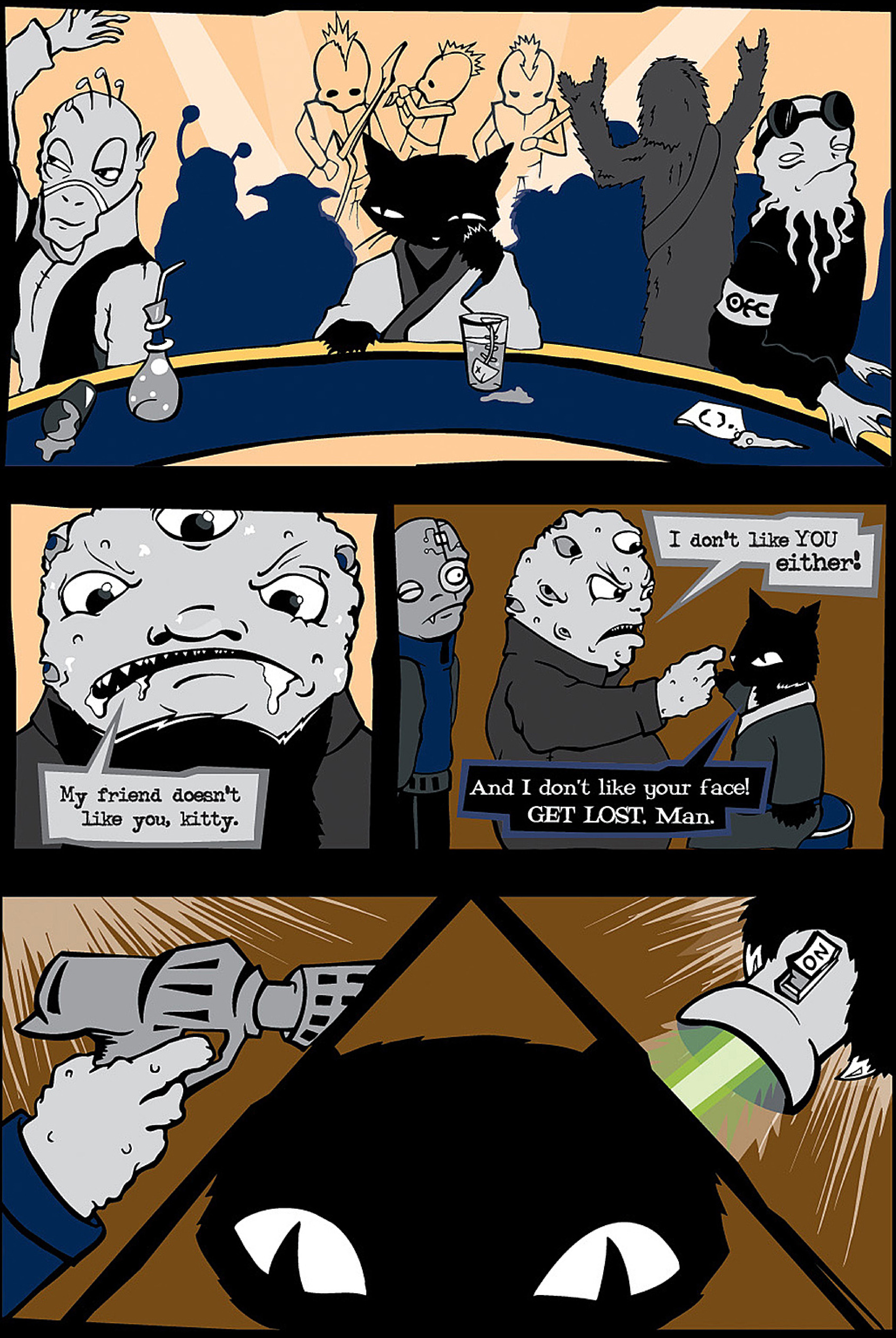
City of Others
Criminal Macabre
What was the last nightmare you had?
DRAWING ON YOUR NIGHTMARZ
I was swimming, and even though I wasn't drowning, there was no end to the water, no surface.
Do you have a favorite work of art?
WHERE IS SHE? EMILY'S LATE WITH HER SCRIPT AGAIN!
Have you ever had too much to dream?
The Lovers by Magritte. I saw it while in art school. Very scary.
I go through periods where I dream too much, sometimes half-awake, sometimes visions, terrors. Other times in my life I sleep peacefully. Those are my favorite times.
Let's go this way.


REVENGE OF THE DEAD EYE
So Miles, what really happened to your eye?
A Long Time Ago...


OFC
My friend doesn't like you, kitty.
I don't like YOU either!
And I don't like your face! GET LOST. Man.
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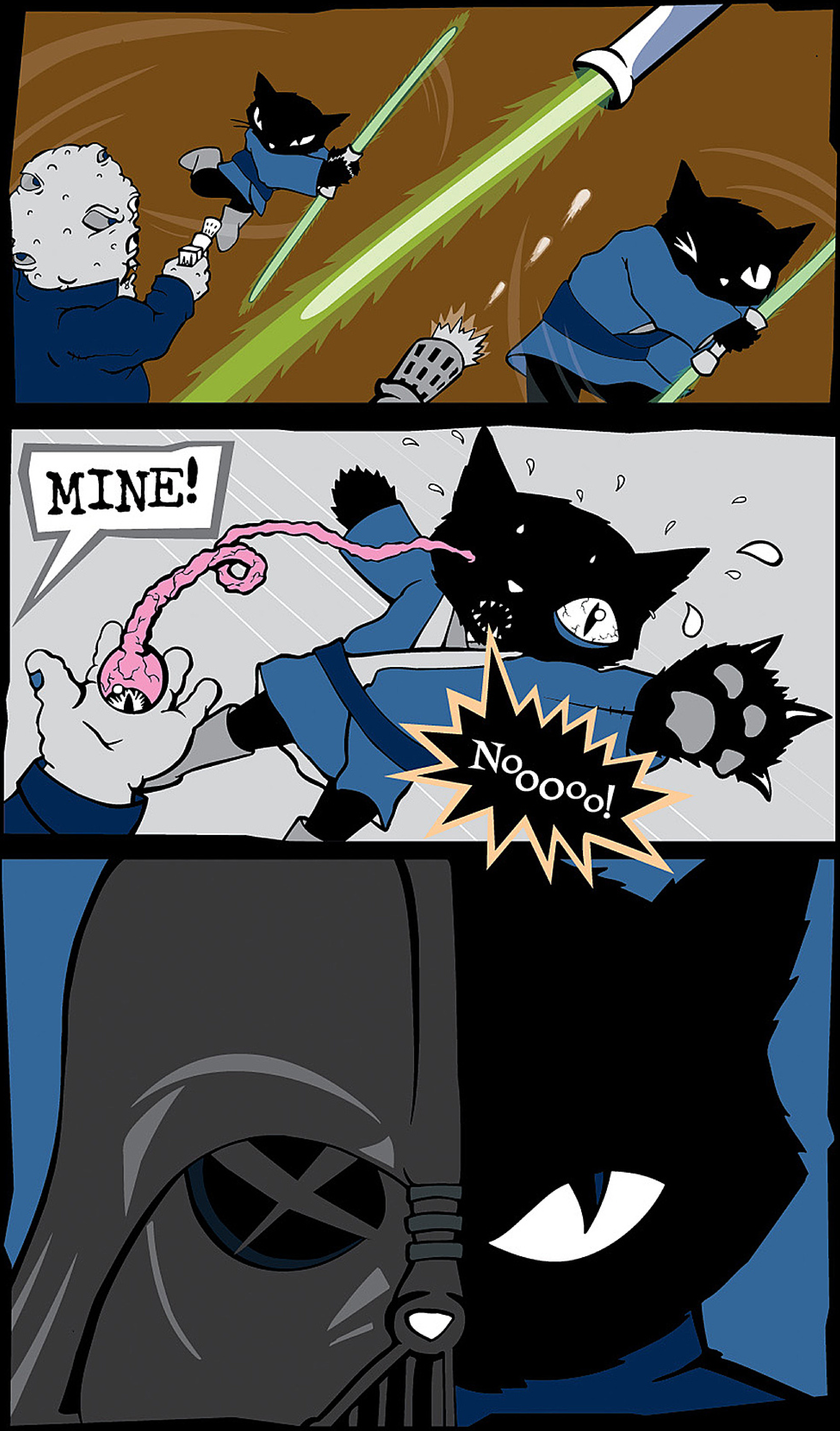
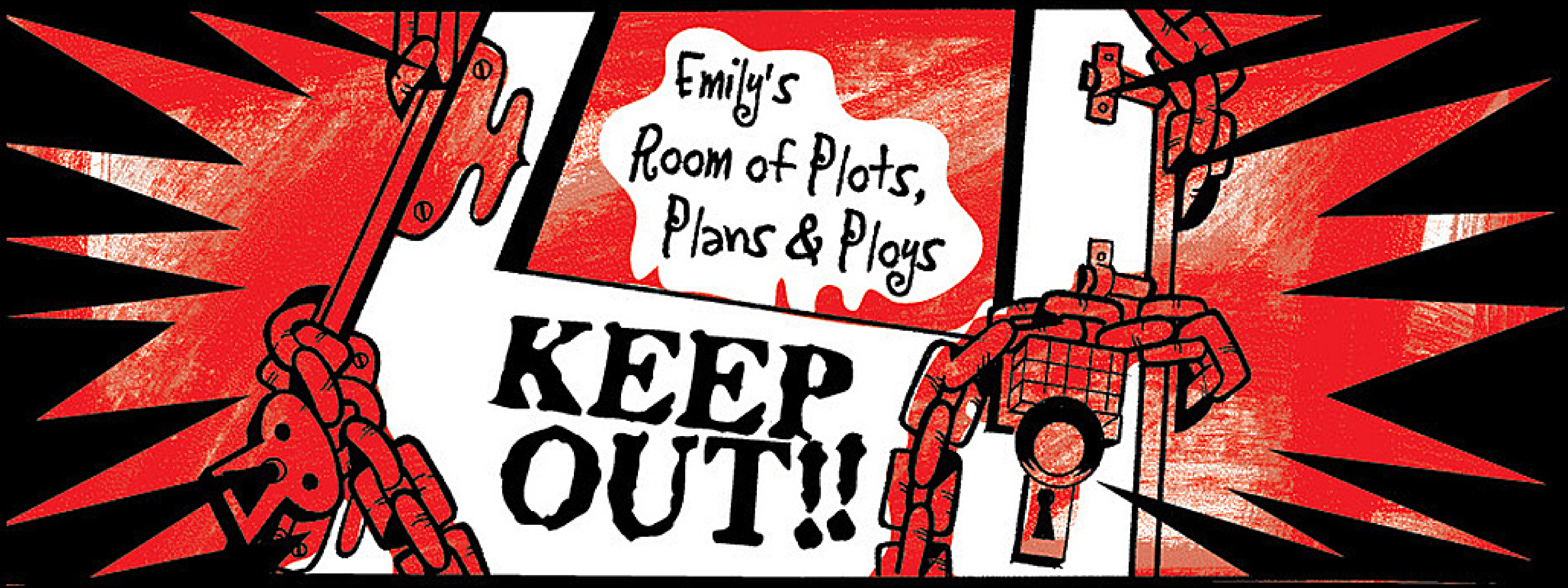
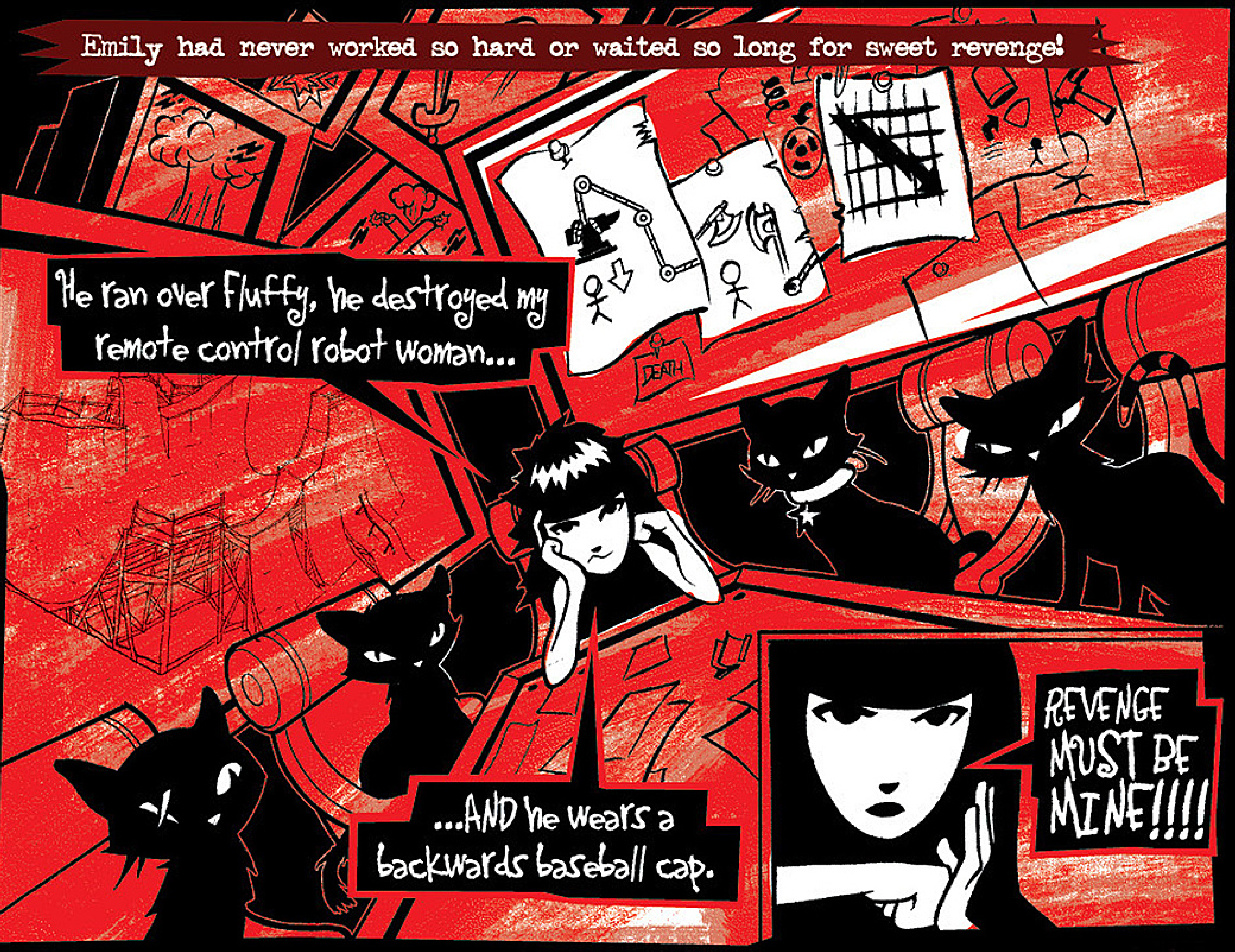

MINE!
Nooooo!

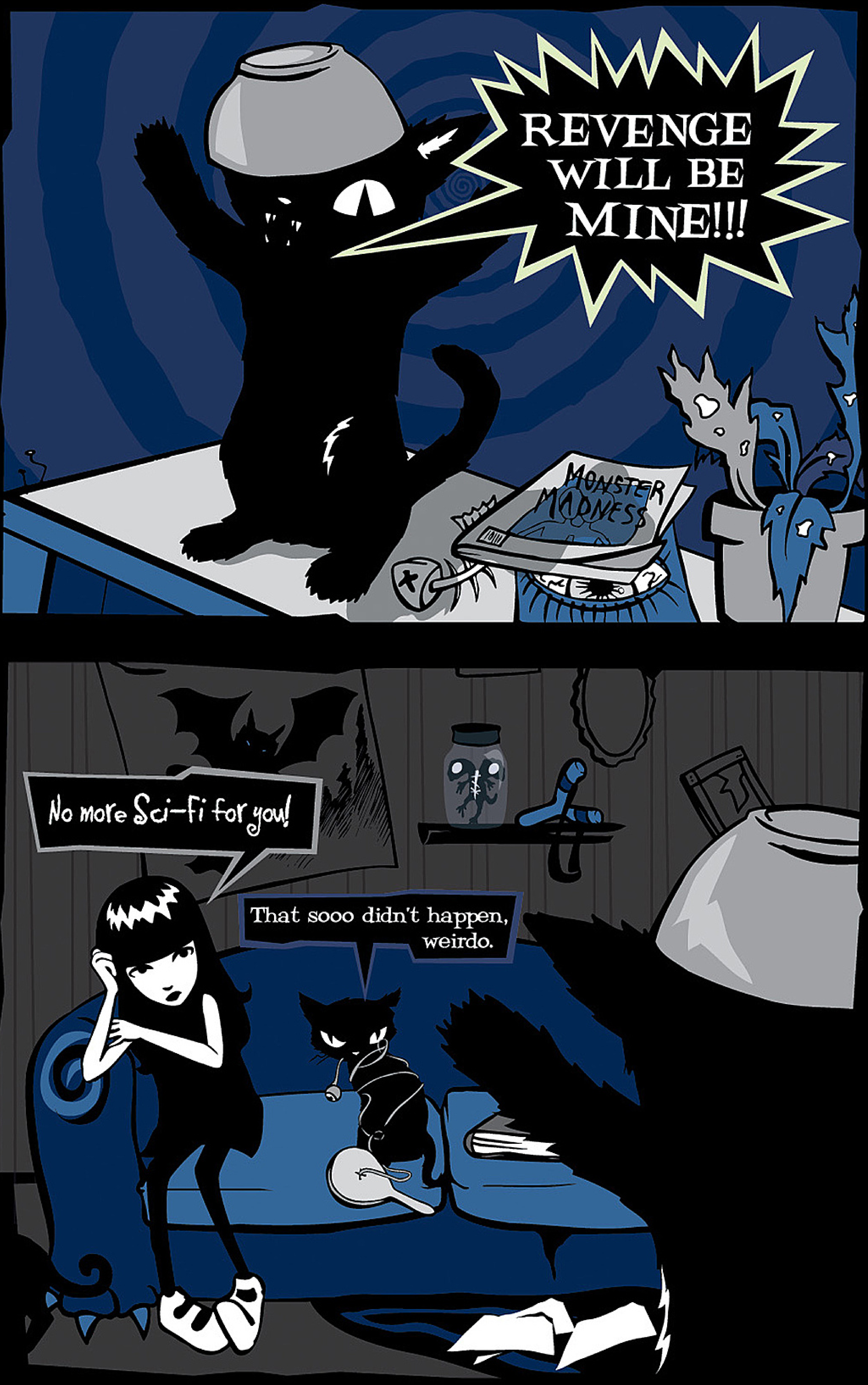
DEAD CAT WALKIN'

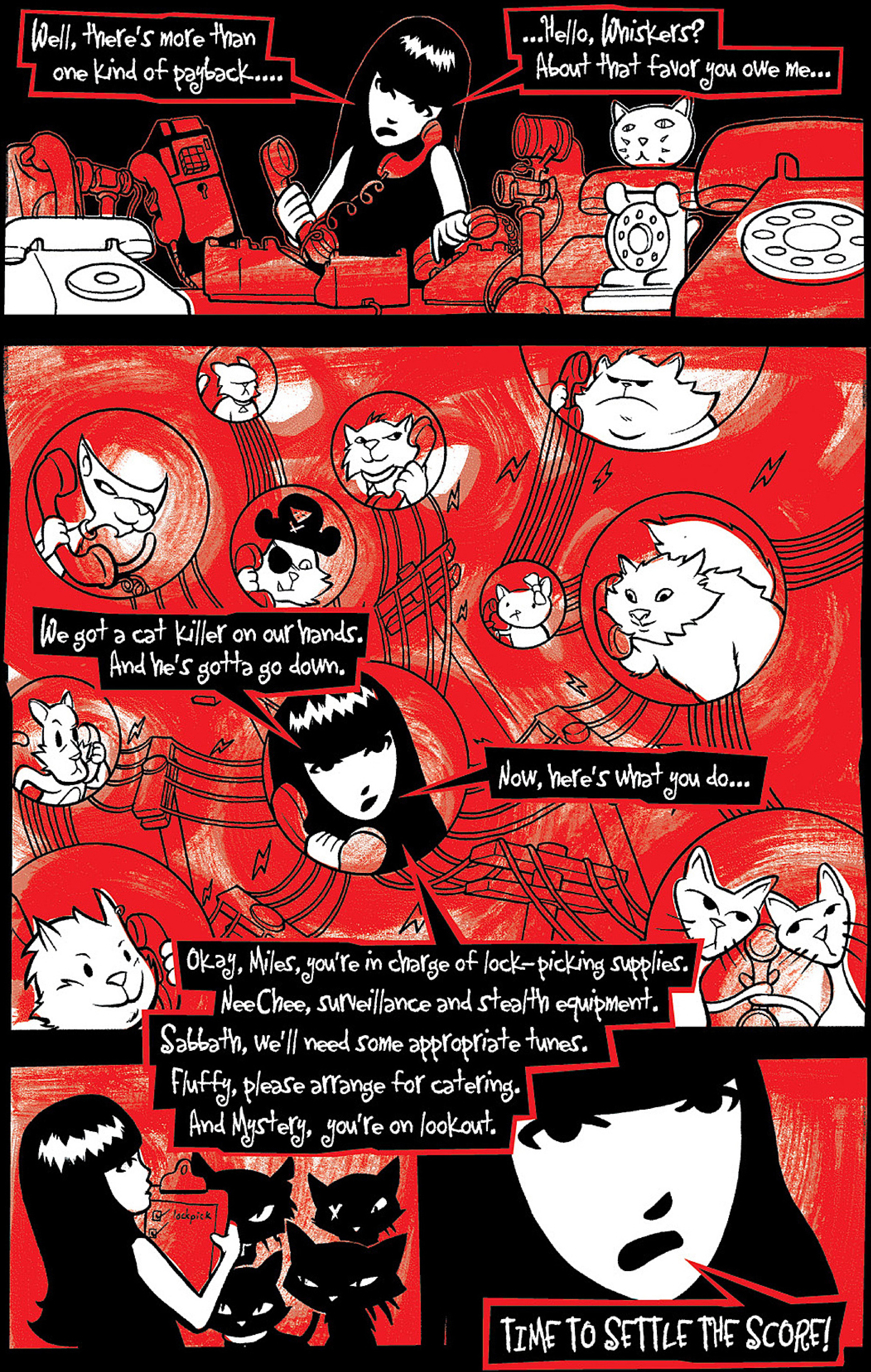
PART THREE

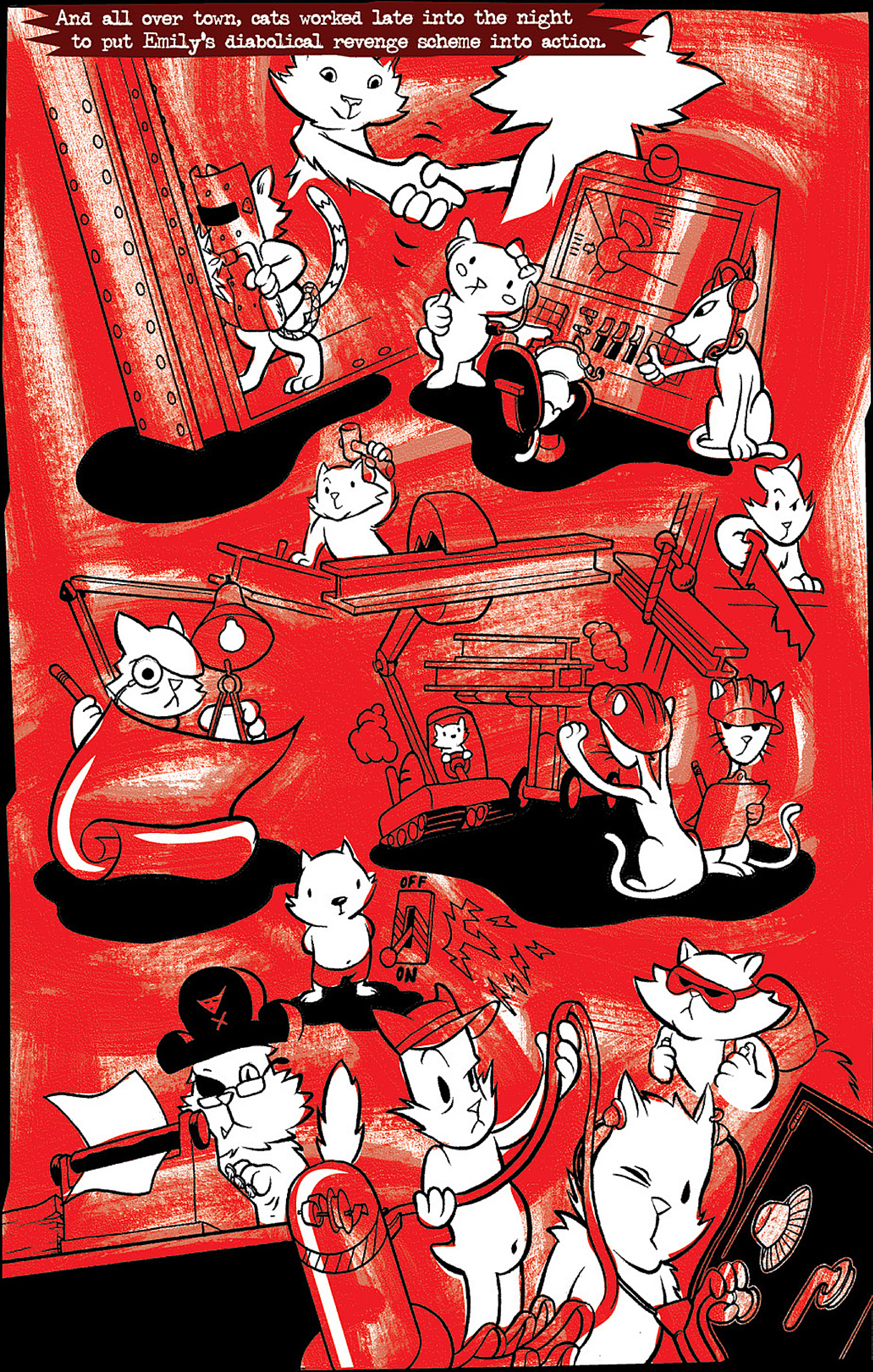
REVENGE!

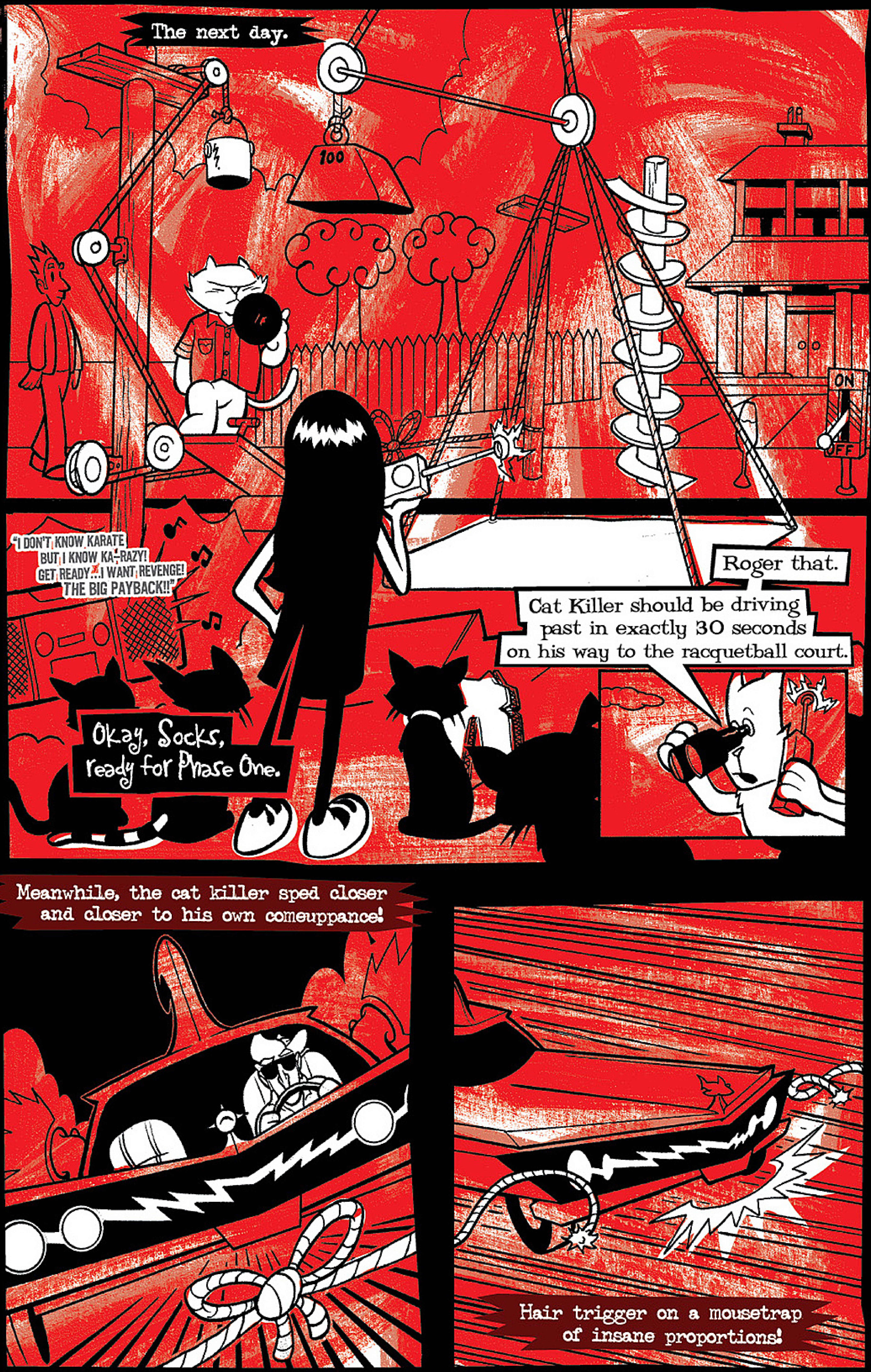

Emily's Room of Plots, Plans & Ploys
KEEP OUT!!

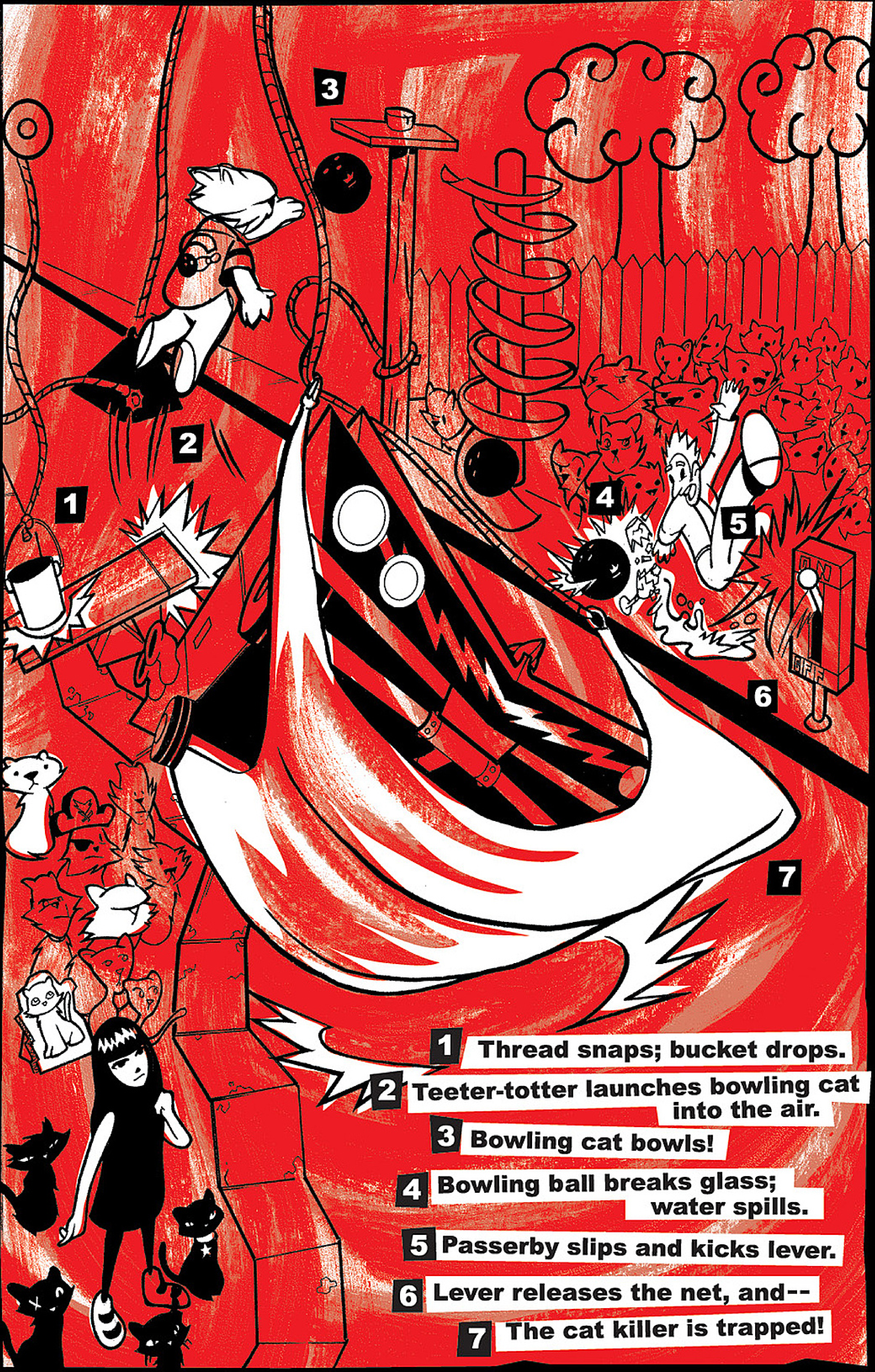

Emily had never worked so hard or waited so long for sweet revenge!
DEATH
He ran over Fluffy, he destroyed my remote control robot woman...
...AND he wears a backwards baseball cap.
REVENGE MUST BE MINE!!!!


REVENGE WILL BE MINE!!!
MONSTER MADNESS
No more Sci-Fi for you!
That sooo didn't happen, weirdo.


Well, there's more than one kind of payback....
...Hello, Whiskers? About that favor you owe me...
We got a cat killer on our hands. And he's gotta go down.
Now, here's what you do...
Okay, Miles, you're in charge of lock-picking supplies. NeeChee, surveillance and stealth equipment. Sabbath, we'll need some appropriate tunes. Fluffy, please arrange for catering. And Mystery, you're on lookout.
lockpick
TIME TO SETTLE THE SCORE!


And all over town, cats worked late into the night to put Emily's diabolical revenge scheme into action.
OFF
ON


The next day.
100
ON
OFF
"I DON'T KNOW KARATE BUT I KNOW KA-RAZY! GET READY...I WANT REVENGE! THE BIG PAYBACK!!"
Okay, Socks, ready for Phase One.
Roger that.
Cat Killer should be driving past in exactly 30 seconds on his way to the racquetball court.
Meanwhile, the cat killer sped closer and closer to his own comeuppance!
Hair trigger on a mousetrap of insane proportions!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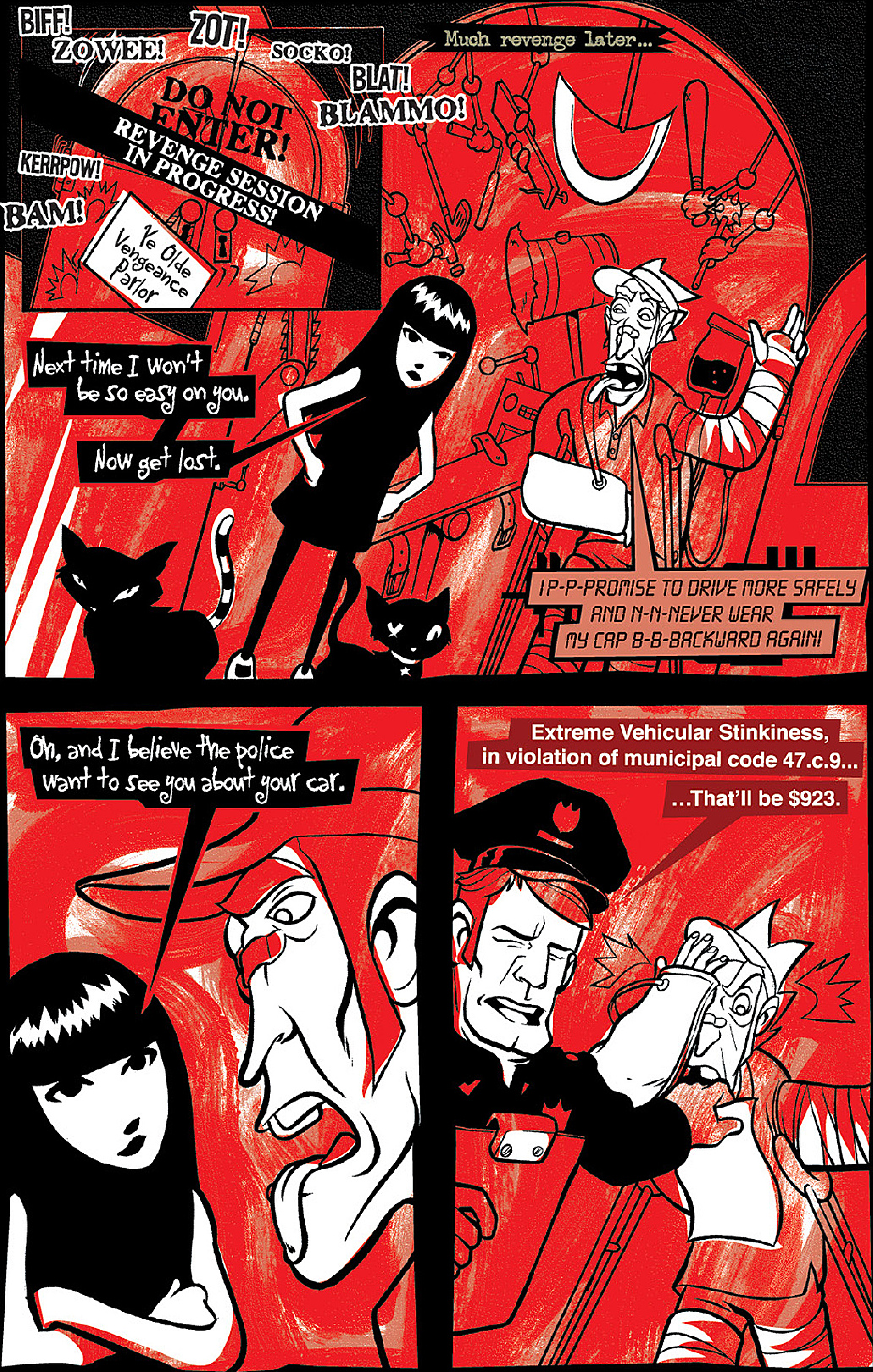
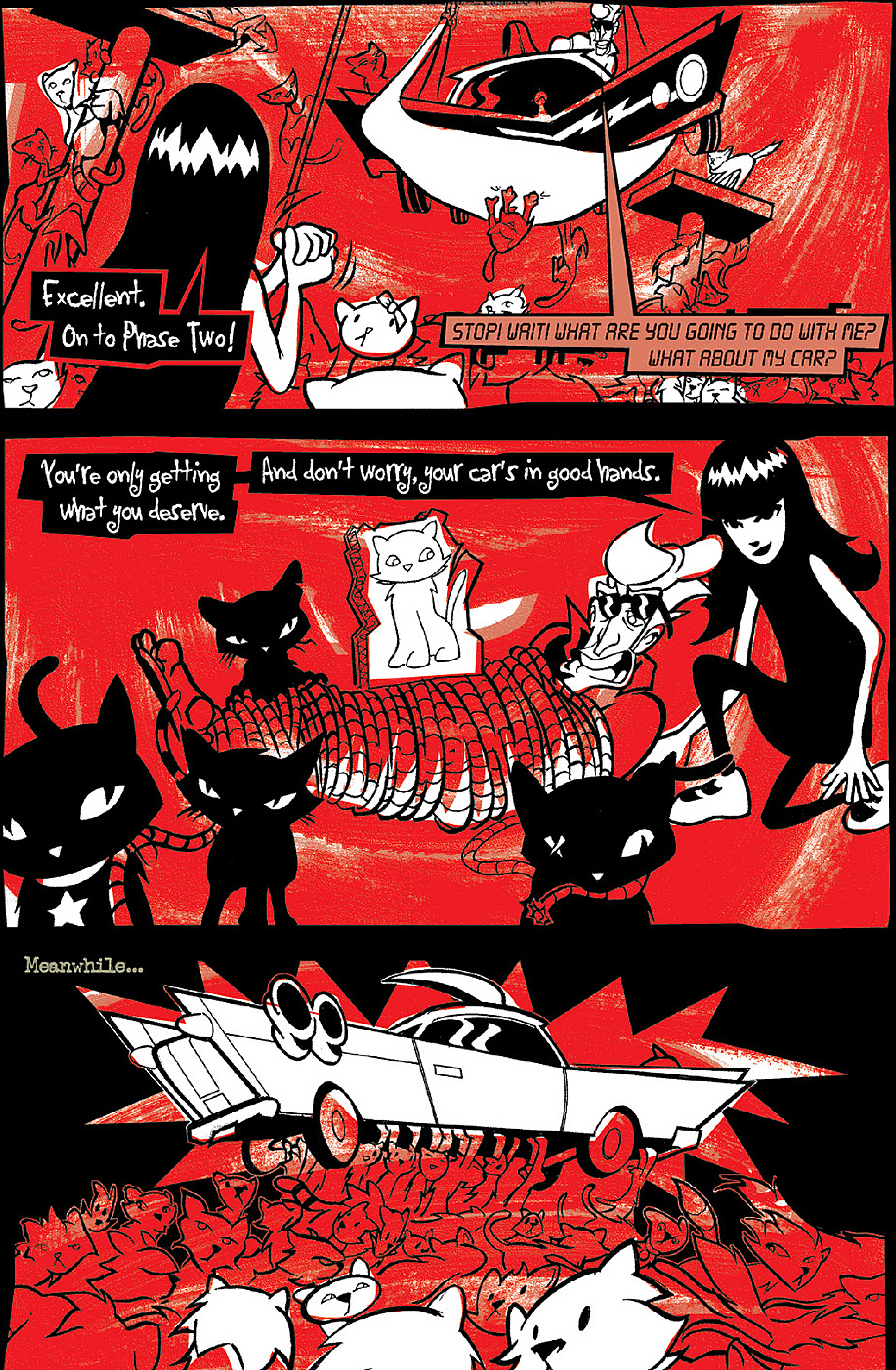
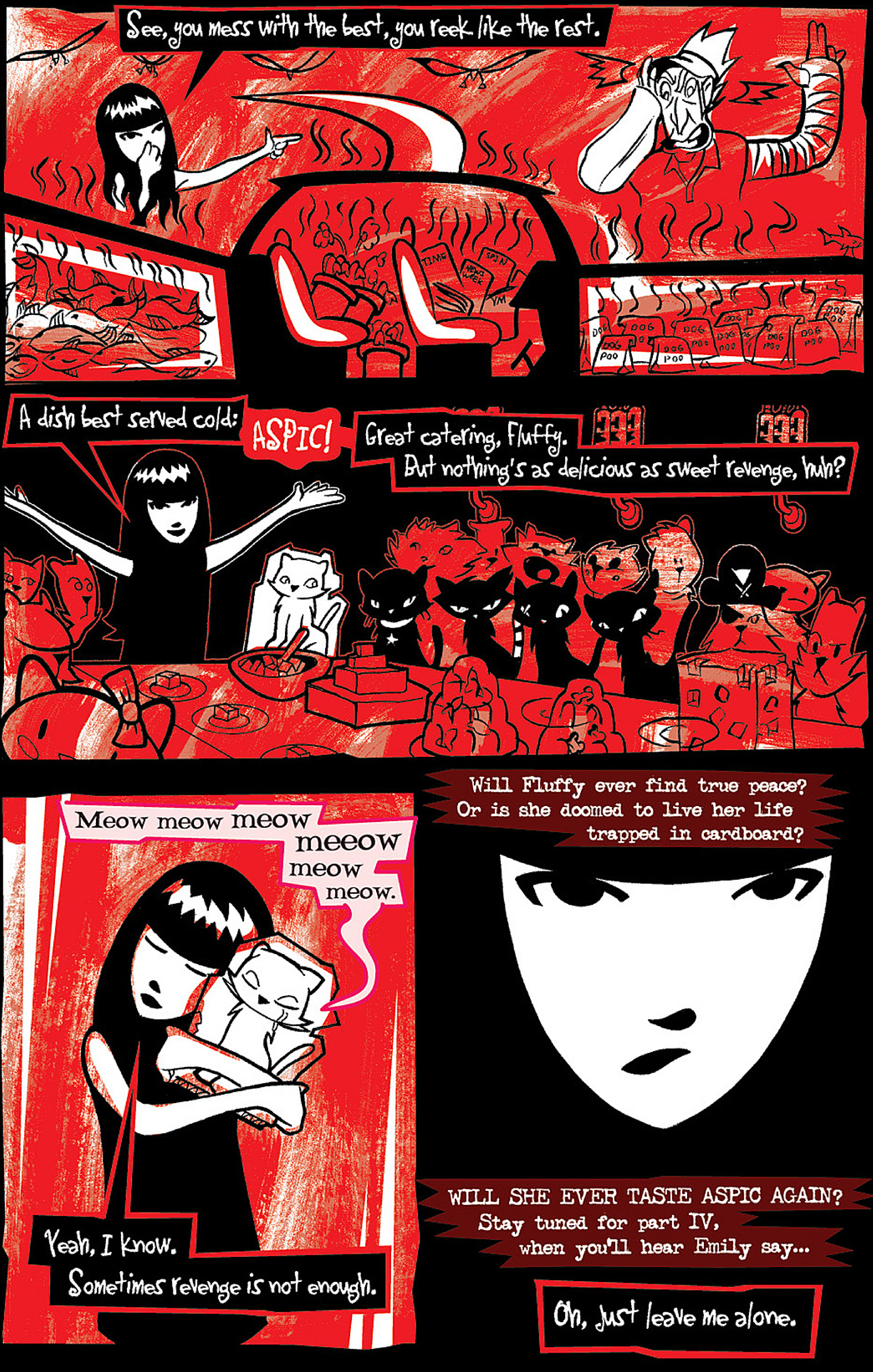
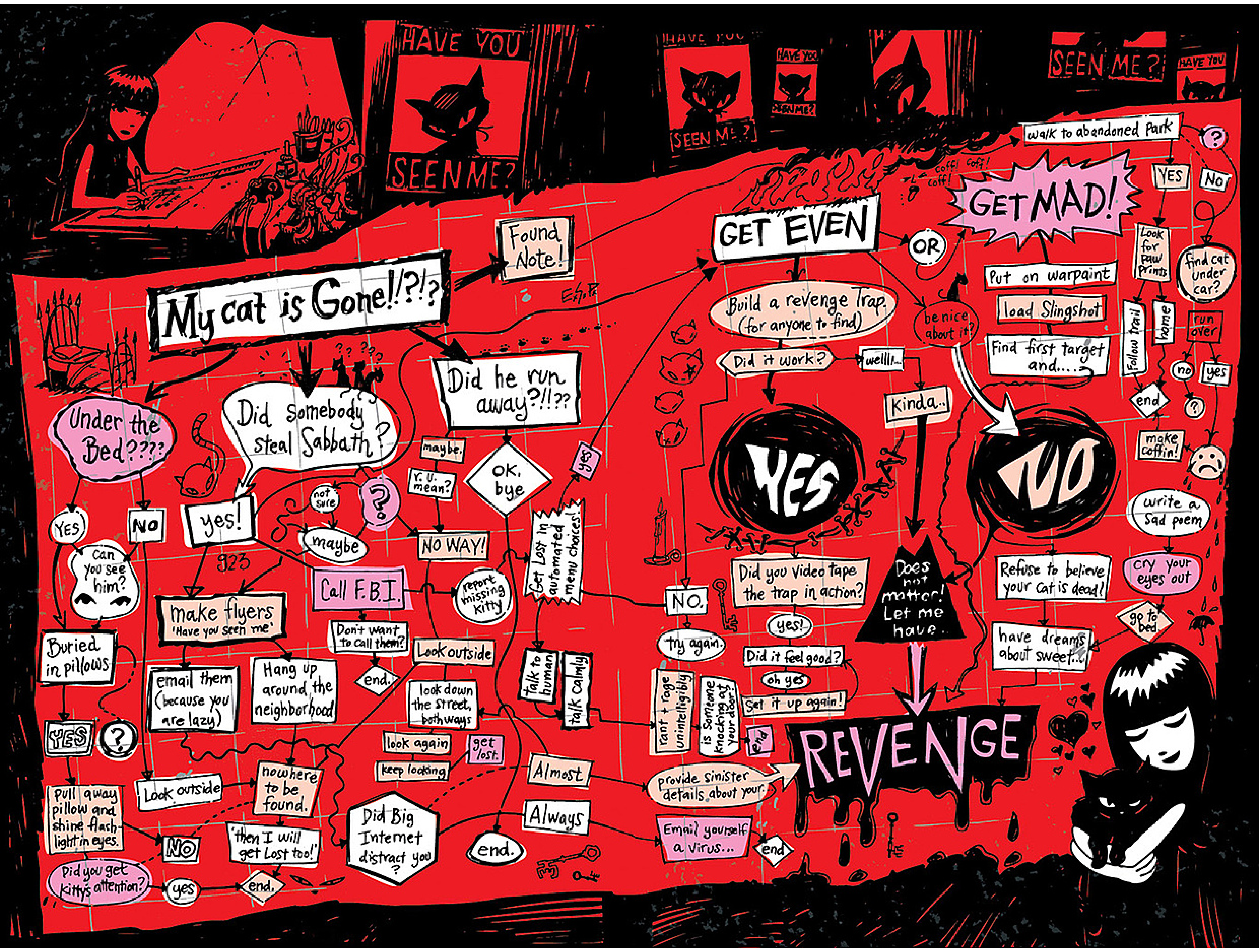
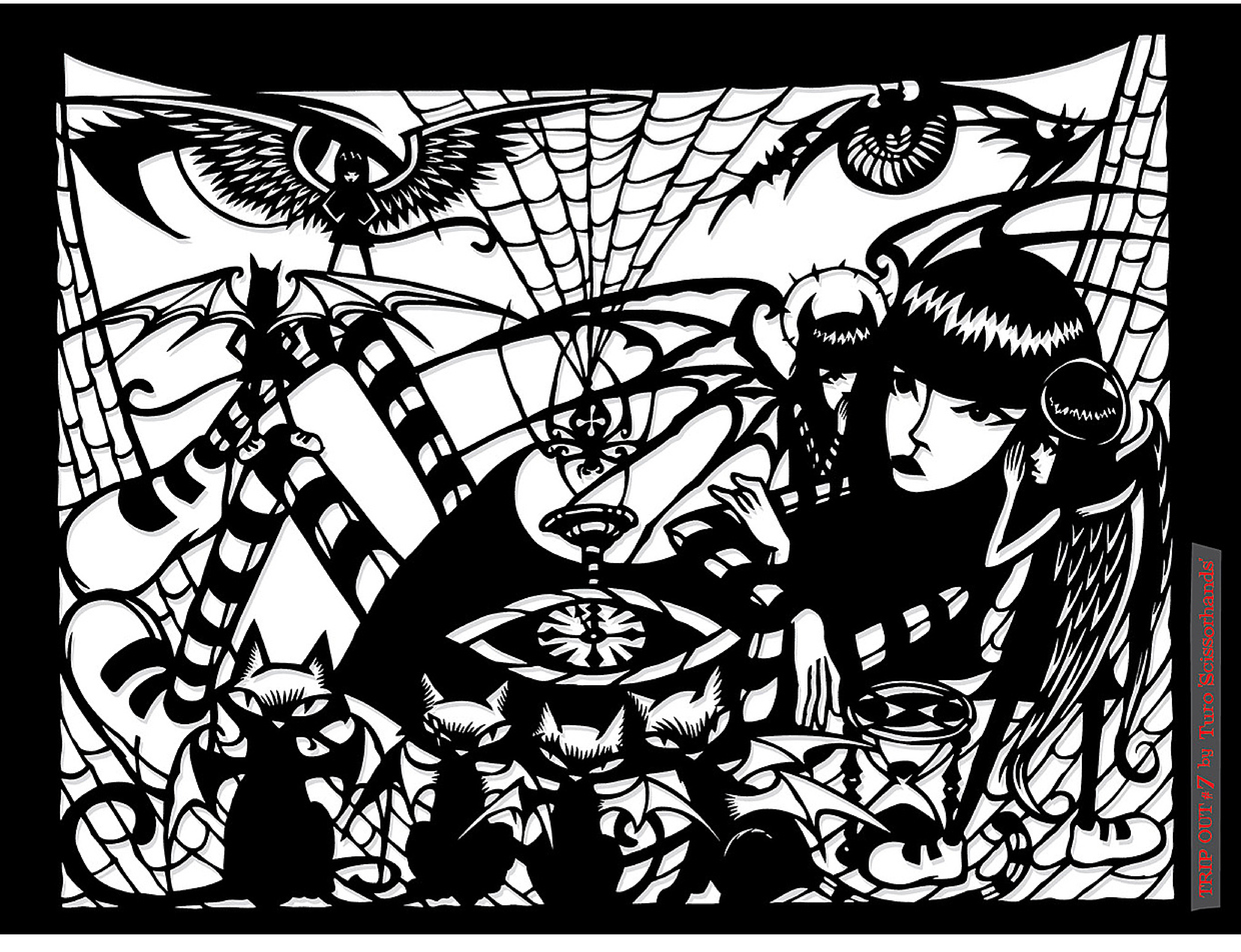
7
1 Thread snaps; bucket drops.
2 Teeter-totter launches bowling cat into the air.
3 Bowling cat bowls!
4 Bowling ball breaks glass; water spills.
5 Passerby slips and kicks lever.
6 Lever releases the net, and--
7 The cat killer is trapped!


BIFF!
ZOWEE!
ZOT!
SOCKO!
BLAT!
BLAMMO!
DO NOT ENTER!
REVENGE SESSION IN PROGRESS!
KERRPOW!
BAM!
Ye Olde Vengeance Parlor
Much revenge later...
Next time I won't be so easy on you.
Now get lost.
I P-P-PROMISE TO DRIVE MORE SAFELY AND N-N-NEVER WEAR MY CAP B-B-BACKWARD AGAIN!
Oh, and I believe the police want to see you about your car.
Extreme Vehicular Stinkiness, in violation of municipal code 47.c.9...
...That'll be $923.


Excellent. On to Phase Two!
STOP! WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME? WHAT ABOUT MY CAR?
You're only getting what you deserve.
And don't worry, your car's in good hands.
Meanwhile...


See, you mess with the best, you reek like the rest.
TIME
NEWSWEEK
SPIN
VM
DOG POO
A dish best served cold:
ASPIC!
Great catering, Fluffy.
But nothing's as delicious as sweet revenge, huh?
Meow meow meow meeow meow meow.
Yeah, I know.
Sometimes revenge is not enough.
Will Fluffy ever find true peace? Or is she doomed to live her life trapped in cardboard?
WILL SHE EVER TASTE ASPIC AGAIN? Stay tuned for part IV, when you'll hear Emily say...
Oh, just leave me alone.


HAVE YOU SEEN ME?
HAVE YOU SEEN ME?
HAVE YOU SEEN ME?
SEEN ME?
HAVE YOU
My cat is Gone!?!?
Found Note!
E.S.P.
Under the Bed????
YES
NO
can you see him?
Buried in pillows
YES
?
Pull away pillow and shine flashlight in eyes.
NO
Did you get kitty's attention?
yes
end.
Look outside
Did somebody steal Sabbath?
yes!
923
not sure
maybe
?
make flyers 'Have you seen me'
email them (because you are lazy)
Hang up around the neighborhood
nowhere to be found.
'then I will get Lost too!'
end.
Call F.B.I.
Don't want to call them?
end.
report missing kitty
Did he run away?!!??
maybe.
r. u. mean?
NO WAY!
OK, bye
Look outside
look down the street, both ways
look again
keep looking
get lost.
Did Big Internet distract you?
Almost
Always
end.
yes
Get Lost in automated menu choices!
talk to human
talk calmly
GET EVEN
OR
GET MAD!
coff! coff! coff!
walk to abandoned Park
?
YES
No
Look for paw prints
Follow trail
home
end
find cat under car?
run over
no
yes
?
make coffin!
write a sad poem
cry your eyes out
go to bed.
Put on warpaint
load Slingshot
Find first target and....
be nice about it?
Build a revenge Trap. (for anyone to find)
Did it work?
wellll...
Kinda..
YES
NO
NO.
try again.
rant + rage unintelligibly
is Someone knocking at your door?
end
Did you video tape the trap in action?
yes!
Did it feel good?
oh yes
Set it up again!
Does not matter! Let me have.
Refuse to believe your cat is dead!
have dreams about sweet...
provide sinister details about your...
Email yourself a virus...
end
REVENGE



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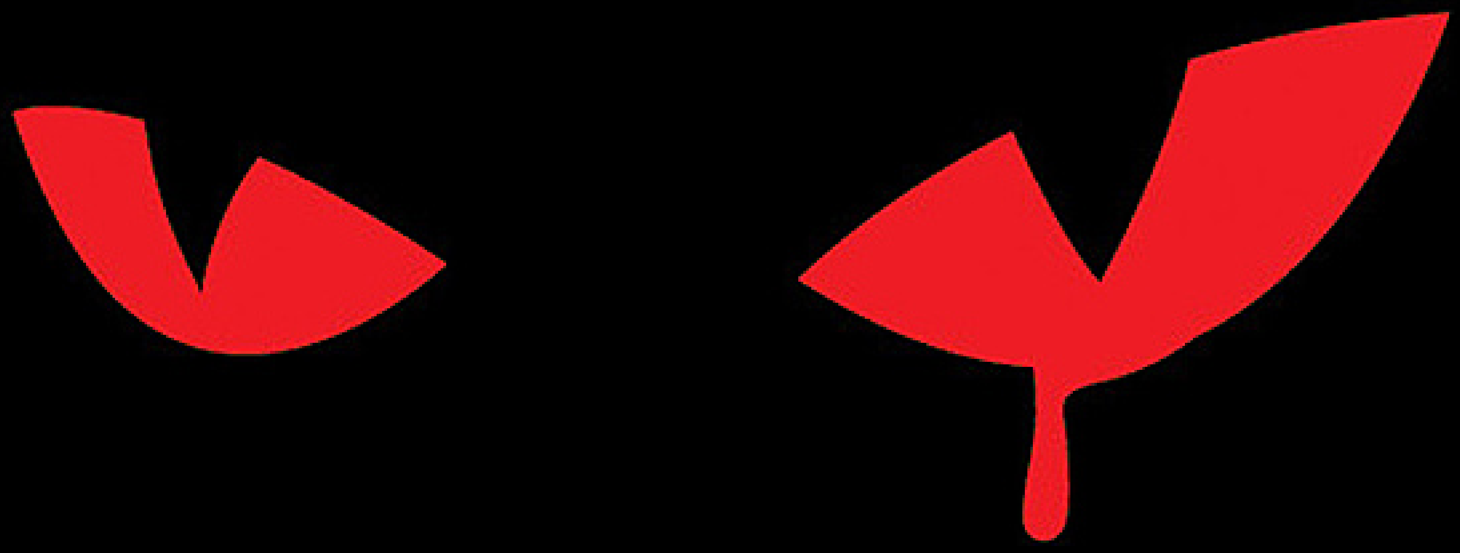

Whether you prefer yours ice cold
or simmering to a well-plotted boil,

REVENGE

is a dish that everyone
cooks up at some point.

In this issue Emily serves up
her favorite recipes for vengeance,
as well as a cautionary tale, a pointer or two,
and some delicious insight from

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of
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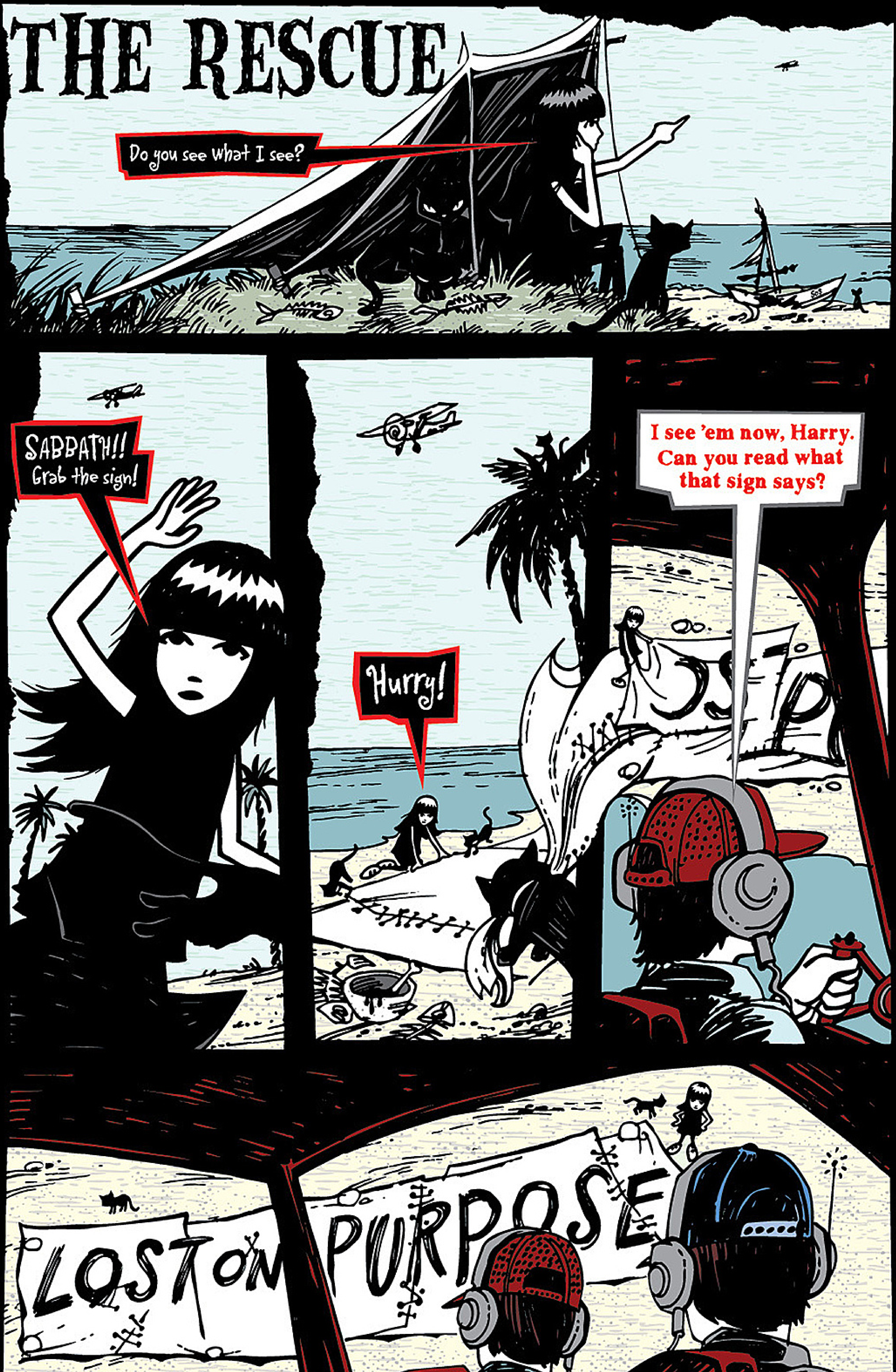
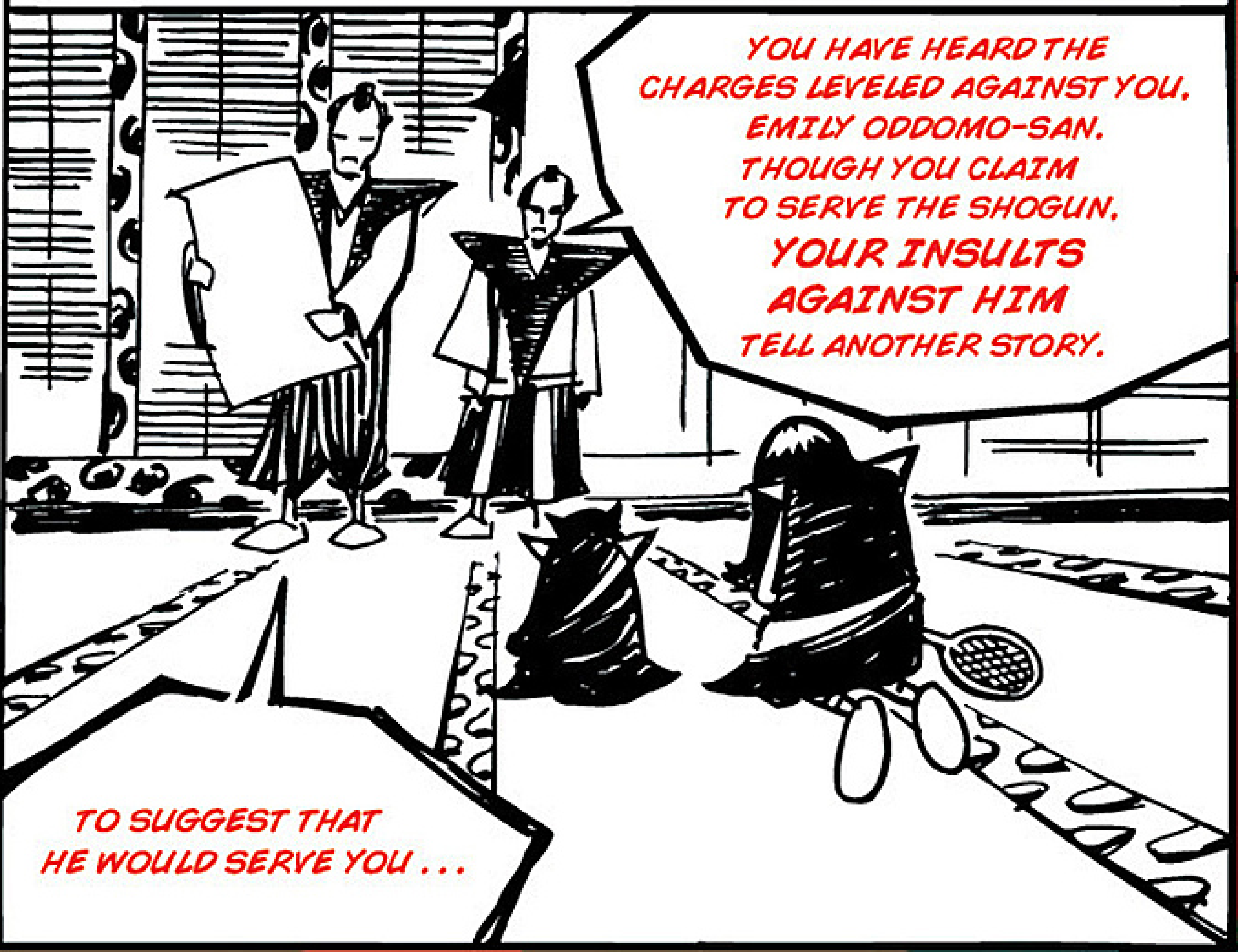
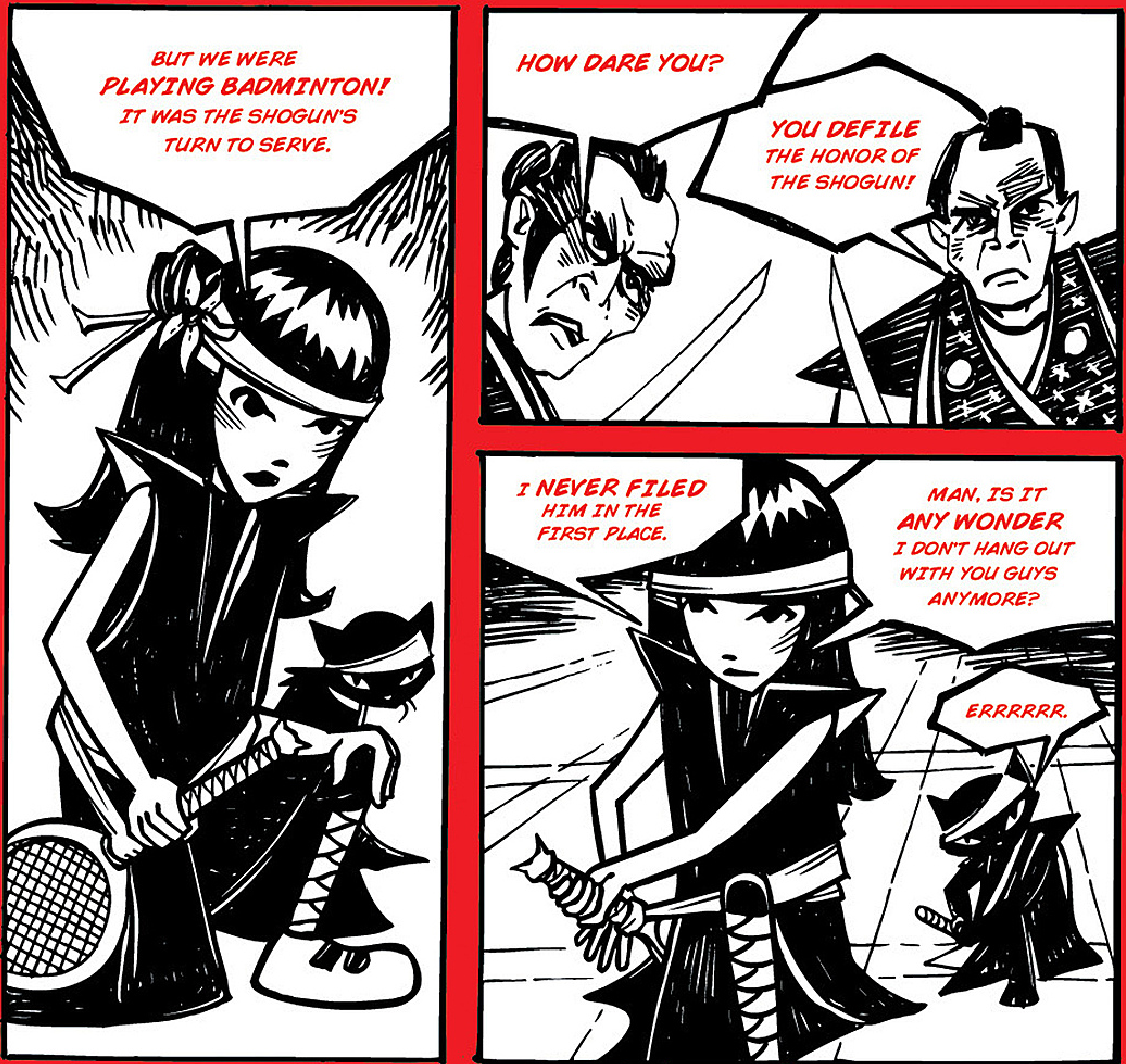

Do you see what I see?
SOS
SABBATH!! Grab the sign!
Hurry!
I see 'em now, Harry. Can you read what that sign says?
SOS
LOST ON PURPOSE

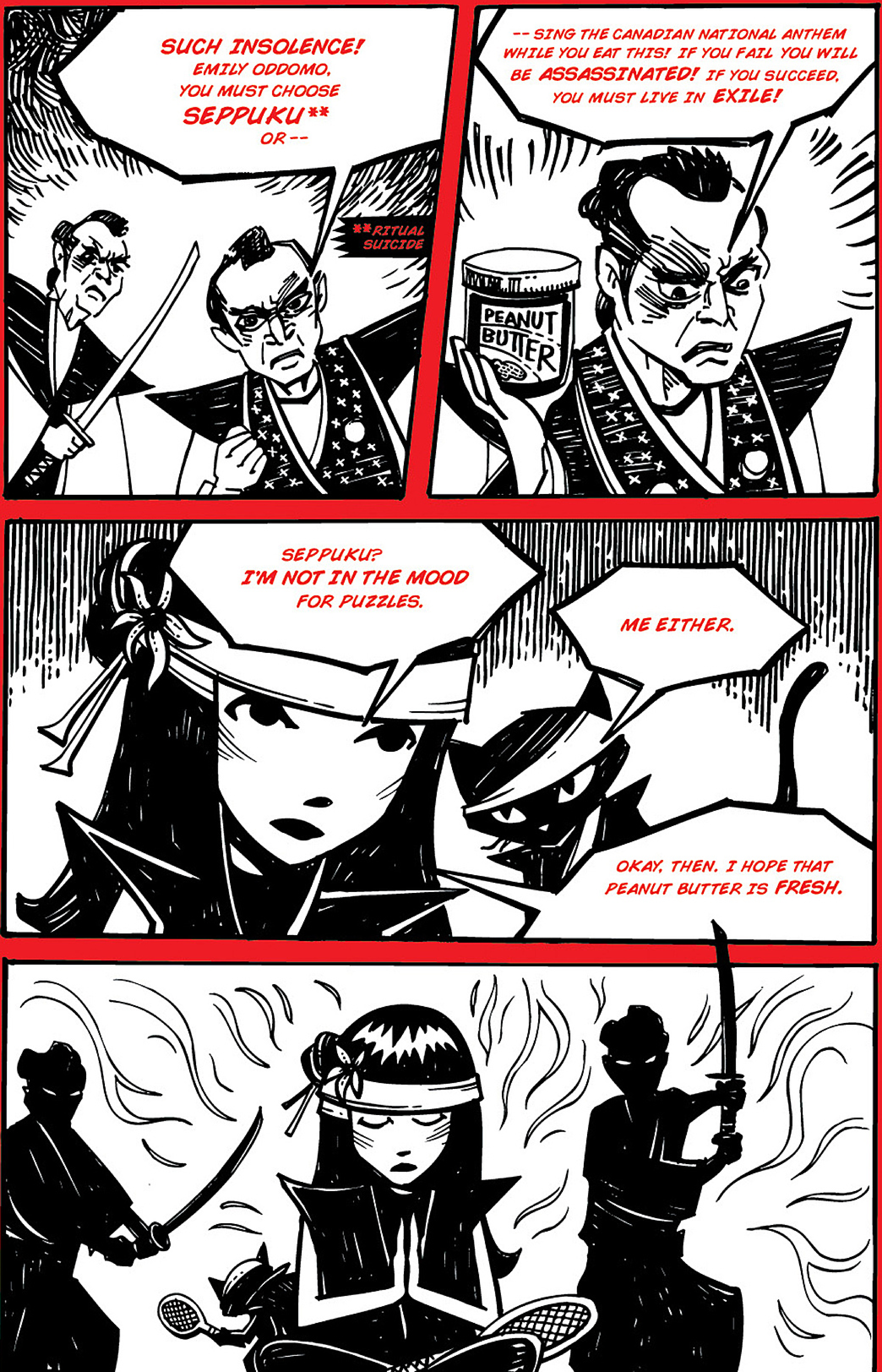
ALONE CAT AND KITTEN

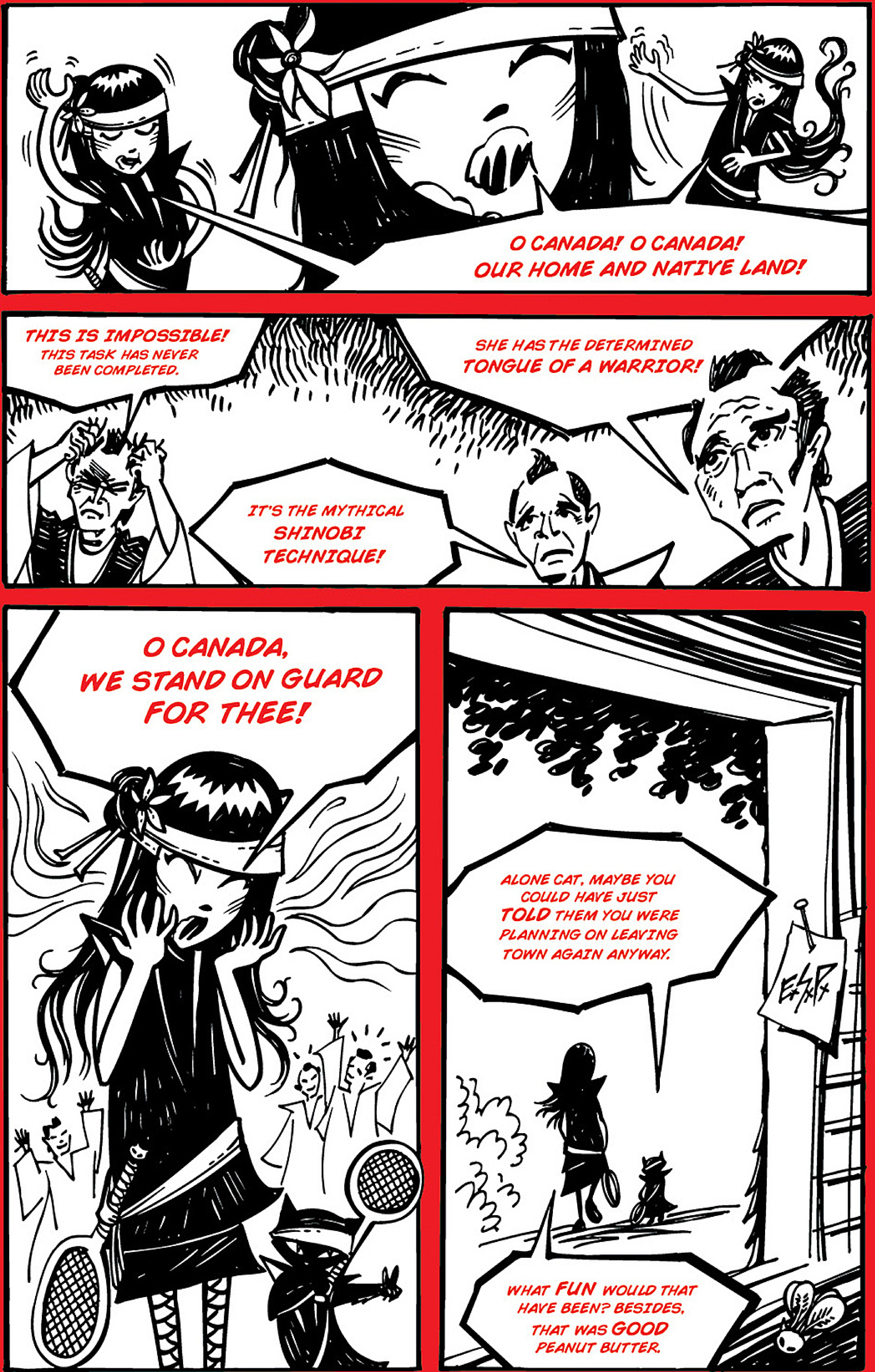
THE WAY OF THE STRANGER

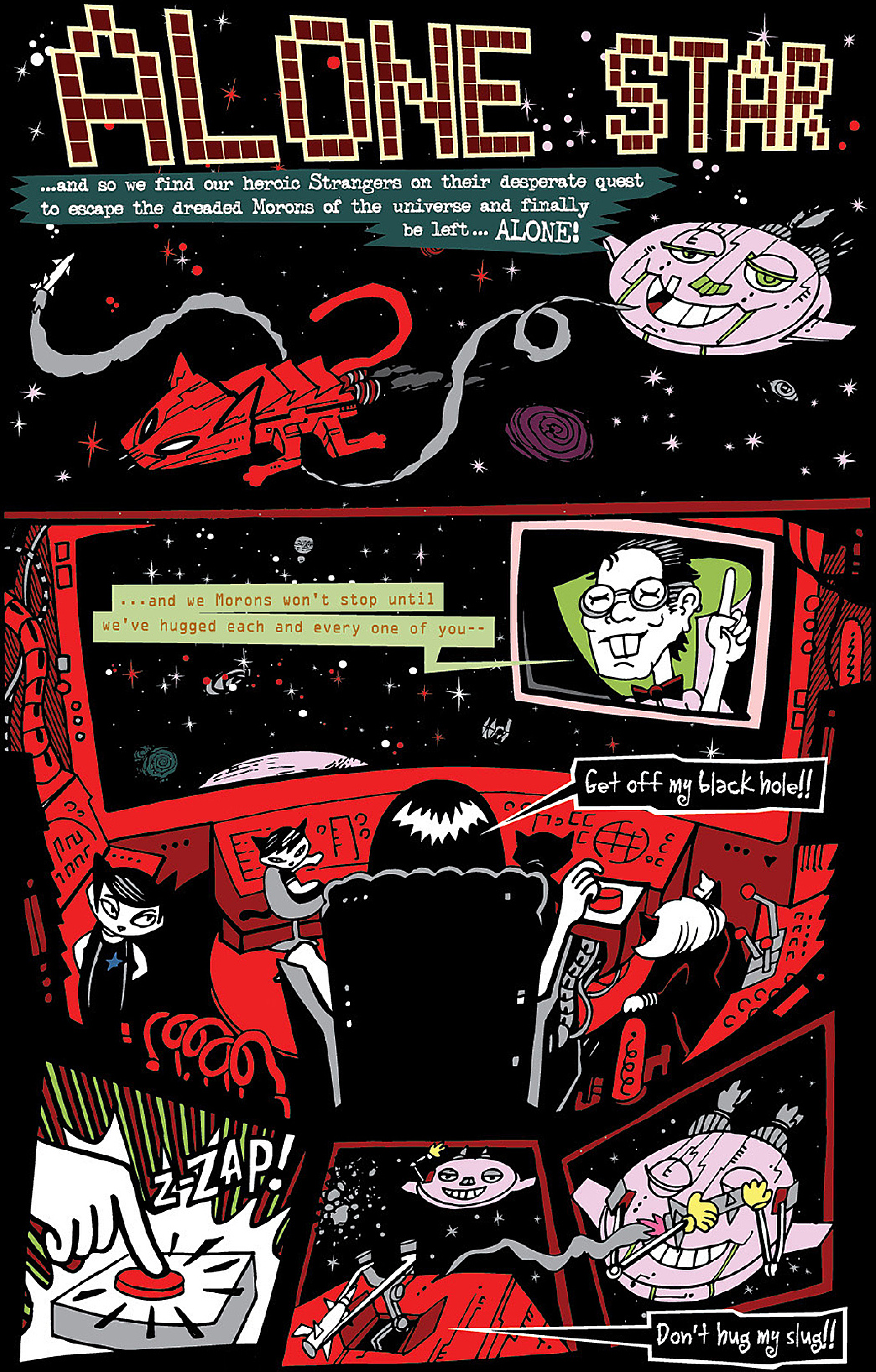
EMILY ODDOMO, A.K.A "ALONE CAT," LIVES THE SOLITARY LIFE OF A RONIN, KEEPING COMPANY ONLY WITH HER YOUNG CHARGE, MYSTERY-SAN. WHEN THE RENEGADE SAMURAI MAKES A FINAL ATTEMPT TO JOIN SOCIETY, HER EFFORTS ARE MET WITH DISPLEASURE, AND A NEW BATTLE BEGINS …

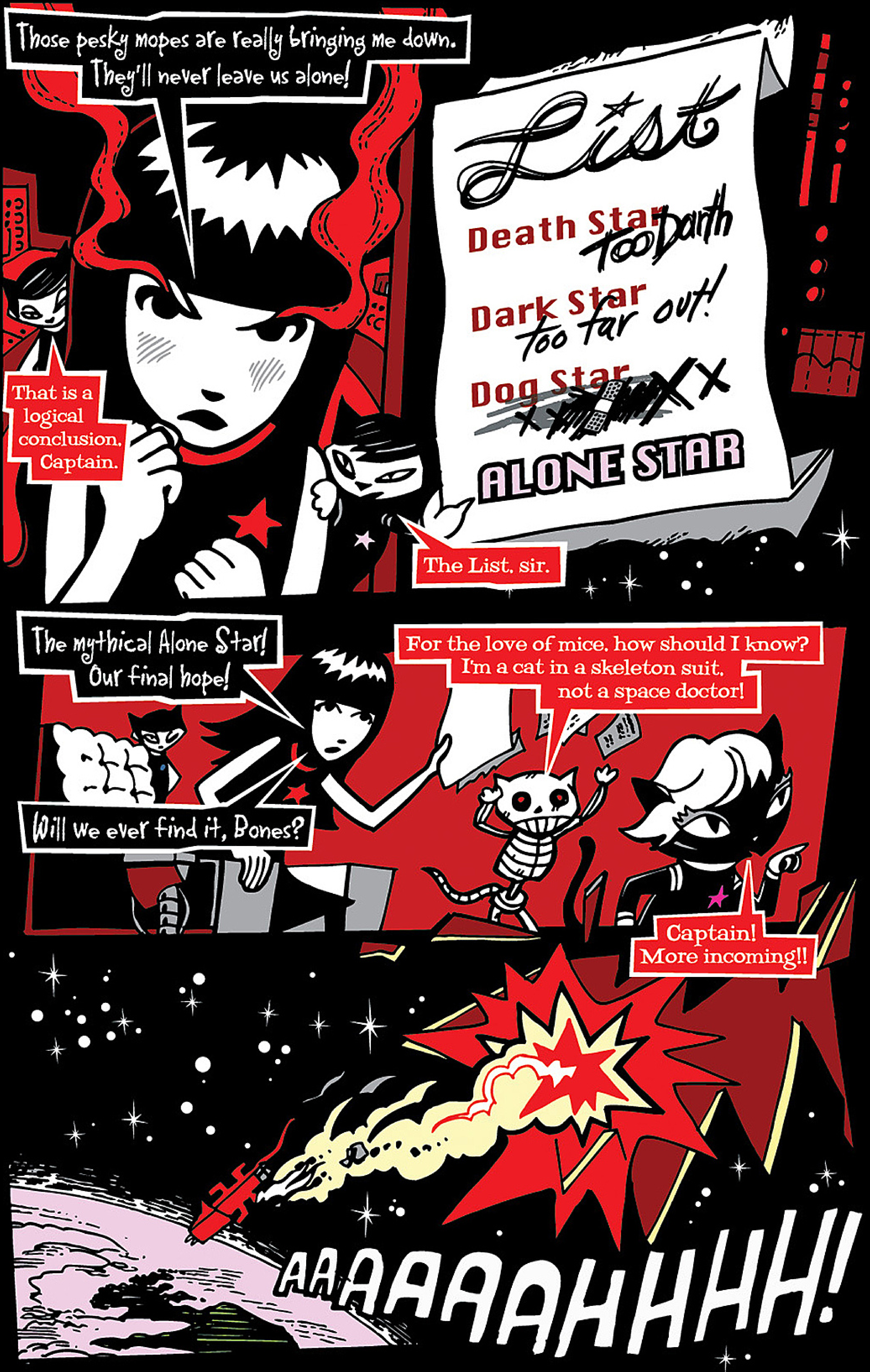

YOU HAVE HEARD THE CHARGES LEVELED AGAINST YOU, EMILY ODDOMO-SAN. THOUGH YOU CLAIM TO SERVE THE SHOGUN, **YOUR INSULTS AGAINST HIM** TELL ANOTHER STORY.
TO SUGGEST THAT HE WOULD SERVE YOU . . .

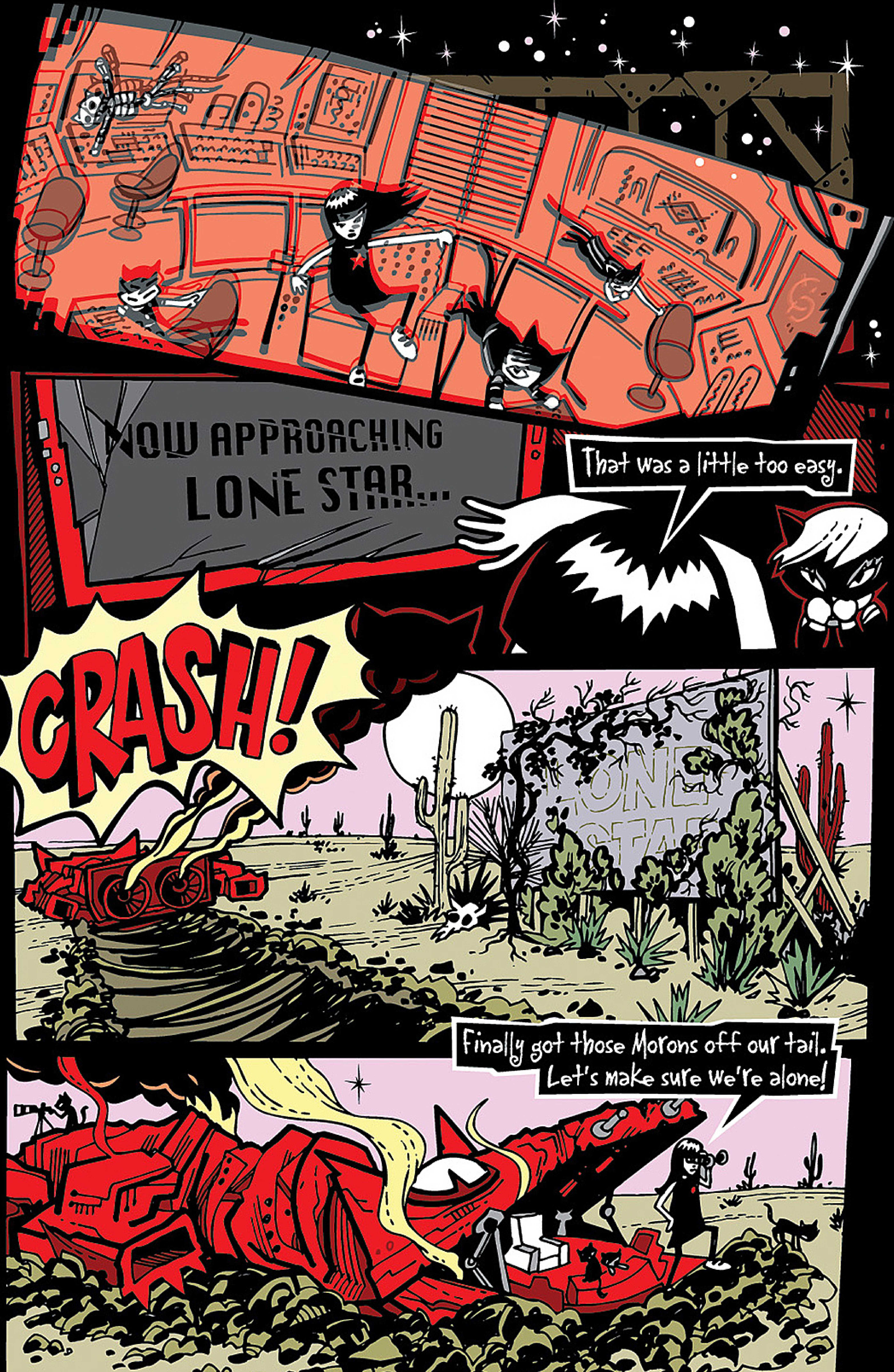

BUT WE WERE **PLAYING BADMINTON!** IT WAS THE SHOGUN'S TURN TO SERVE.
HOW DARE YOU?
YOU DEFILE THE HONOR OF THE SHOGUN!
I **NEVER FILED** HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE.
MAN, IS IT **ANY WONDER** I DON'T HANG OUT WITH YOU GUYS ANYMORE?
ERRRRRR.

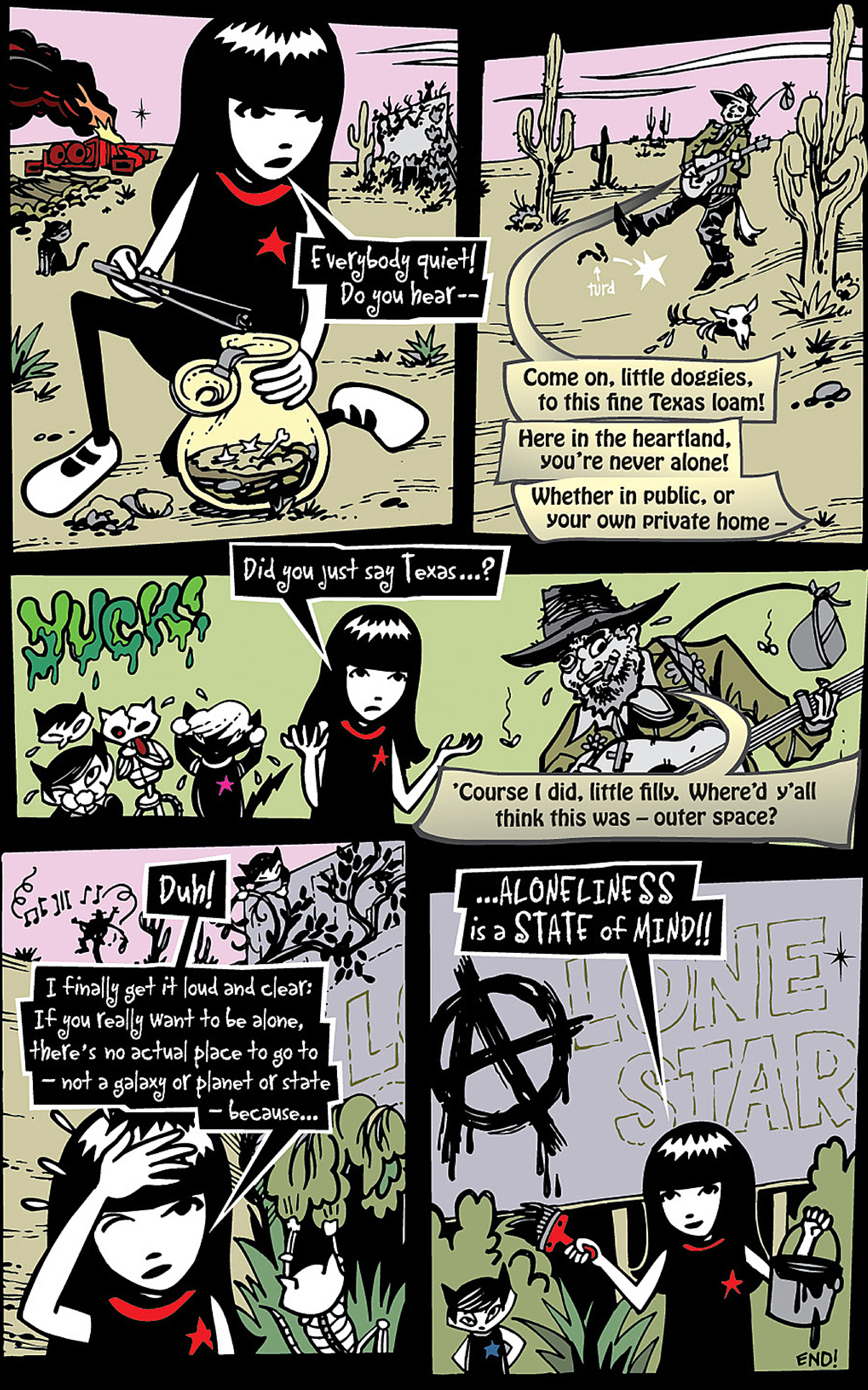

SUCH INSOLENCE! EMILY ODDOMO, YOU MUST CHOOSE SEPPUKU** OR --
**RITUAL SUICIDE
-- SING THE CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM WHILE YOU EAT THIS! IF YOU FAIL YOU WILL BE ASSASSINATED! IF YOU SUCCEED, YOU MUST LIVE IN EXILE!
PEANUT BUTTER
SEPPUKU? I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR PUZZLES.
ME EITHER.
OKAY, THEN. I HOPE THAT PEANUT BUTTER IS FRESH.

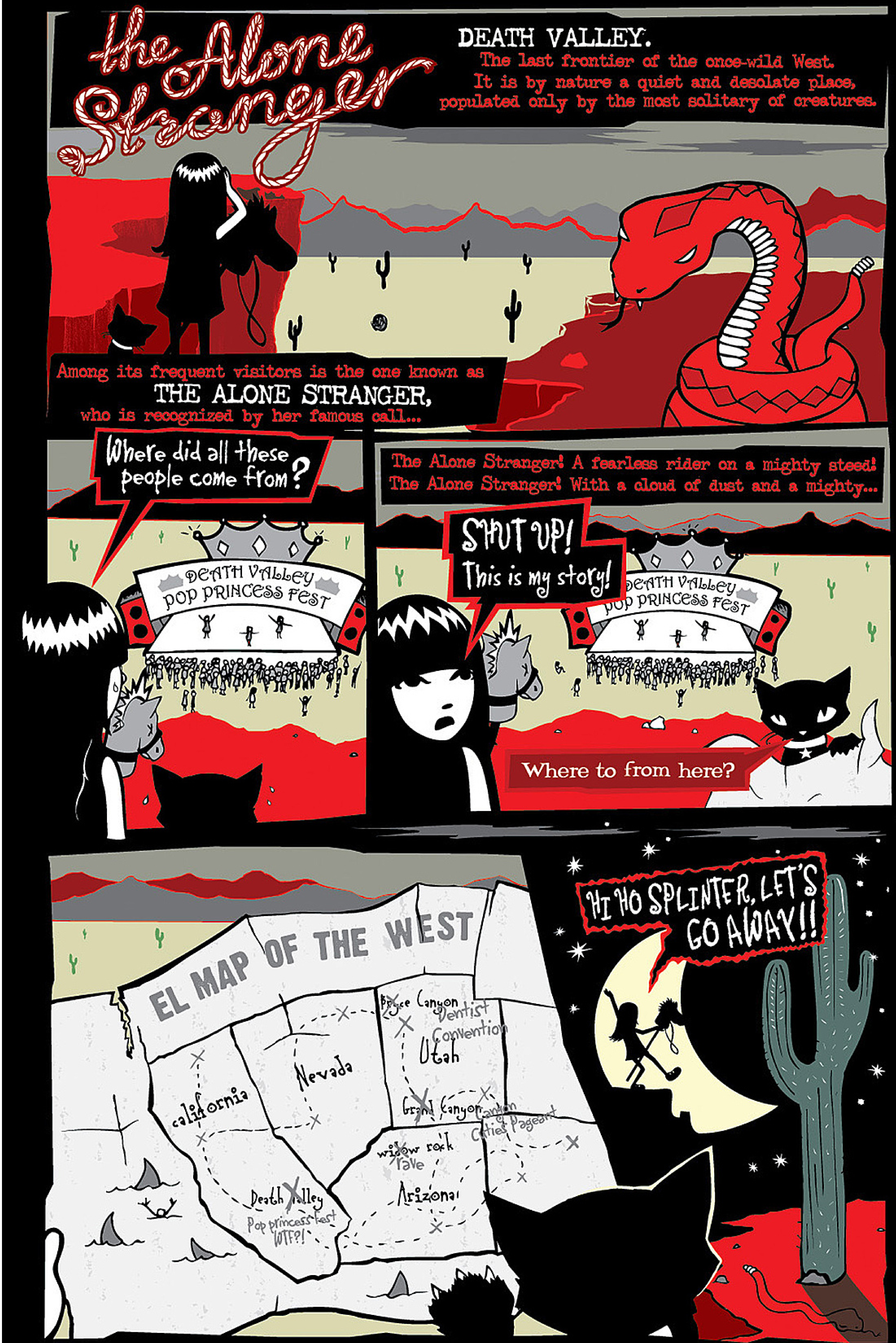

O CANADA! O CANADA!
OUR HOME AND NATIVE LAND!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! THIS TASK HAS NEVER BEEN COMPLETED.
SHE HAS THE DETERMINED TONGUE OF A WARRIOR!
IT'S THE MYTHICAL SHINOBI TECHNIQUE!
O CANADA, WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE!
ALONE CAT, MAYBE YOU COULD HAVE JUST TOLD THEM YOU WERE PLANNING ON LEAVING TOWN AGAIN ANYWAY.
E.S.P.
WHAT FUN WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN? BESIDES, THAT WAS GOOD PEANUT BUTTER.

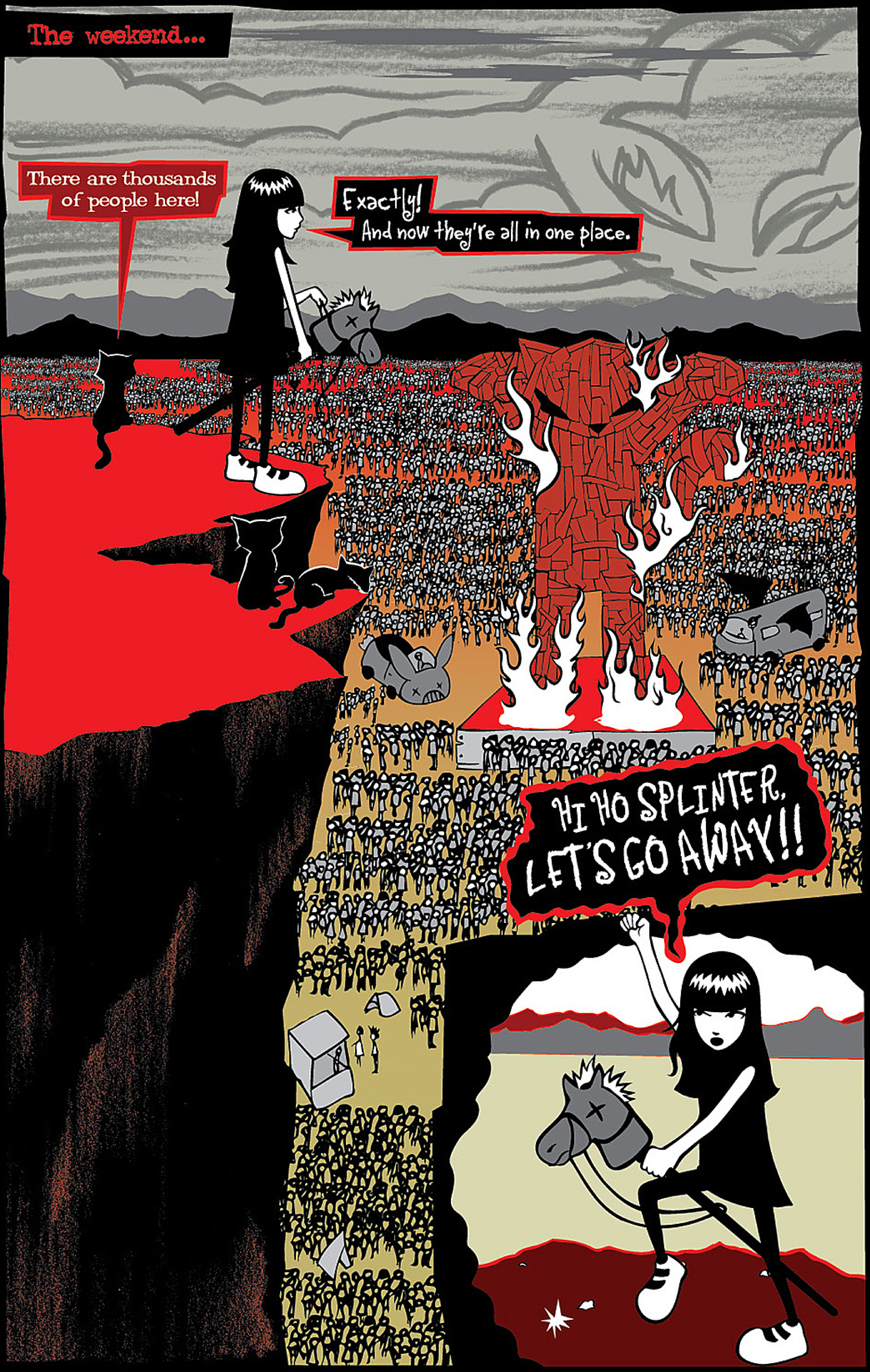

ALONE STAR
...and so we find our heroic Strangers on their desperate quest to escape the dreaded Morons of the universe and finally be left... ALONE!
...and we Morons won't stop until we've hugged each and every one of you--
Get off my black hole!!
Z-ZAP!
Don't hug my slug!!

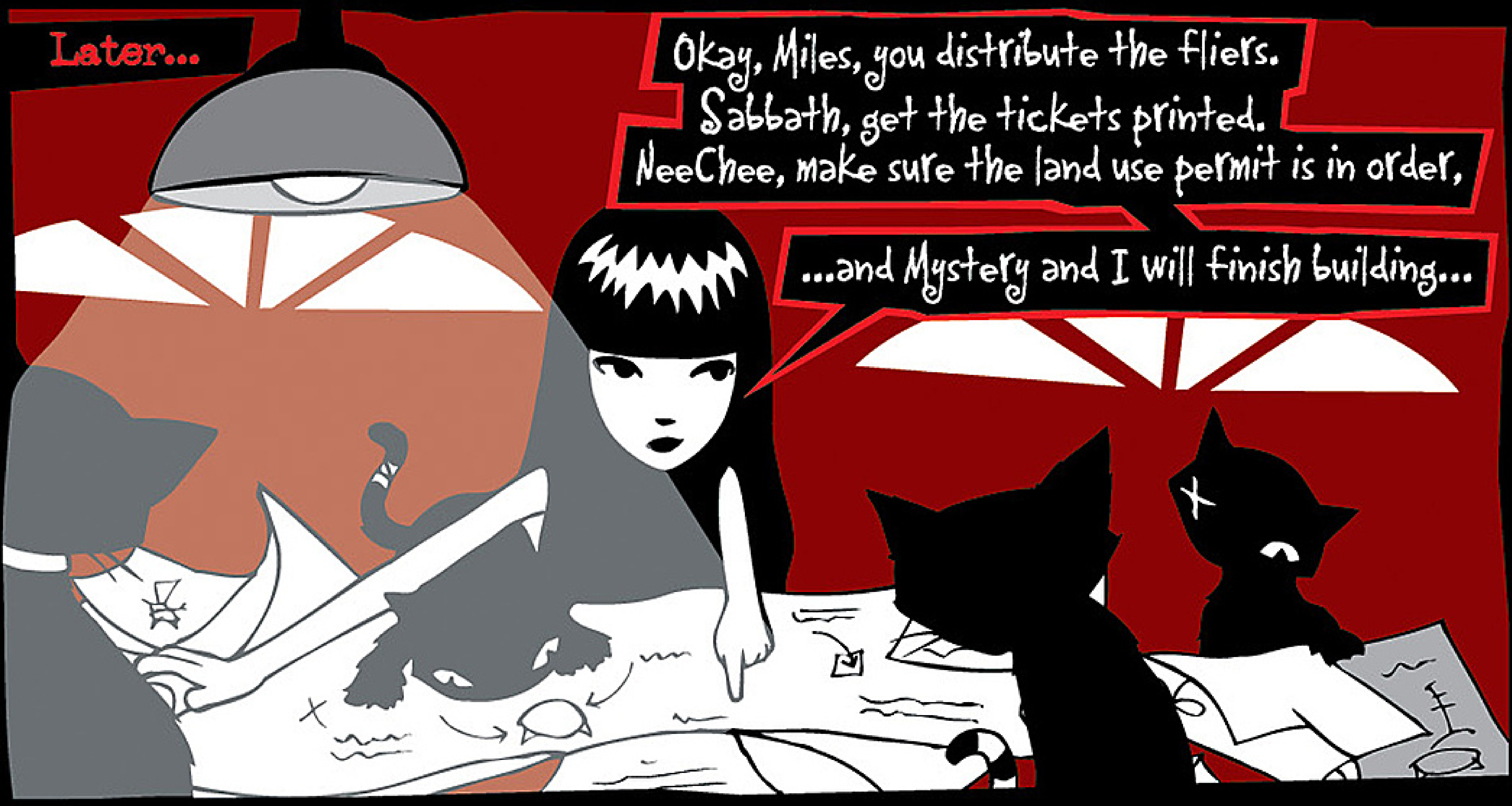

Those pesky mopes are really bringing me down. They'll never leave us alone!
That is a logical conclusion, Captain.
List
Death Star Too Darth
Dark Star too far out!
Dog Star
ALONE STAR
The List, sir.
The mythical Alone Star! Our final hope!
Will we ever find it, Bones?
For the love of mice, how should I know? I'm a cat in a skeleton suit, not a space doctor!
Captain! More incoming!!
AAAAAAAHHHH!

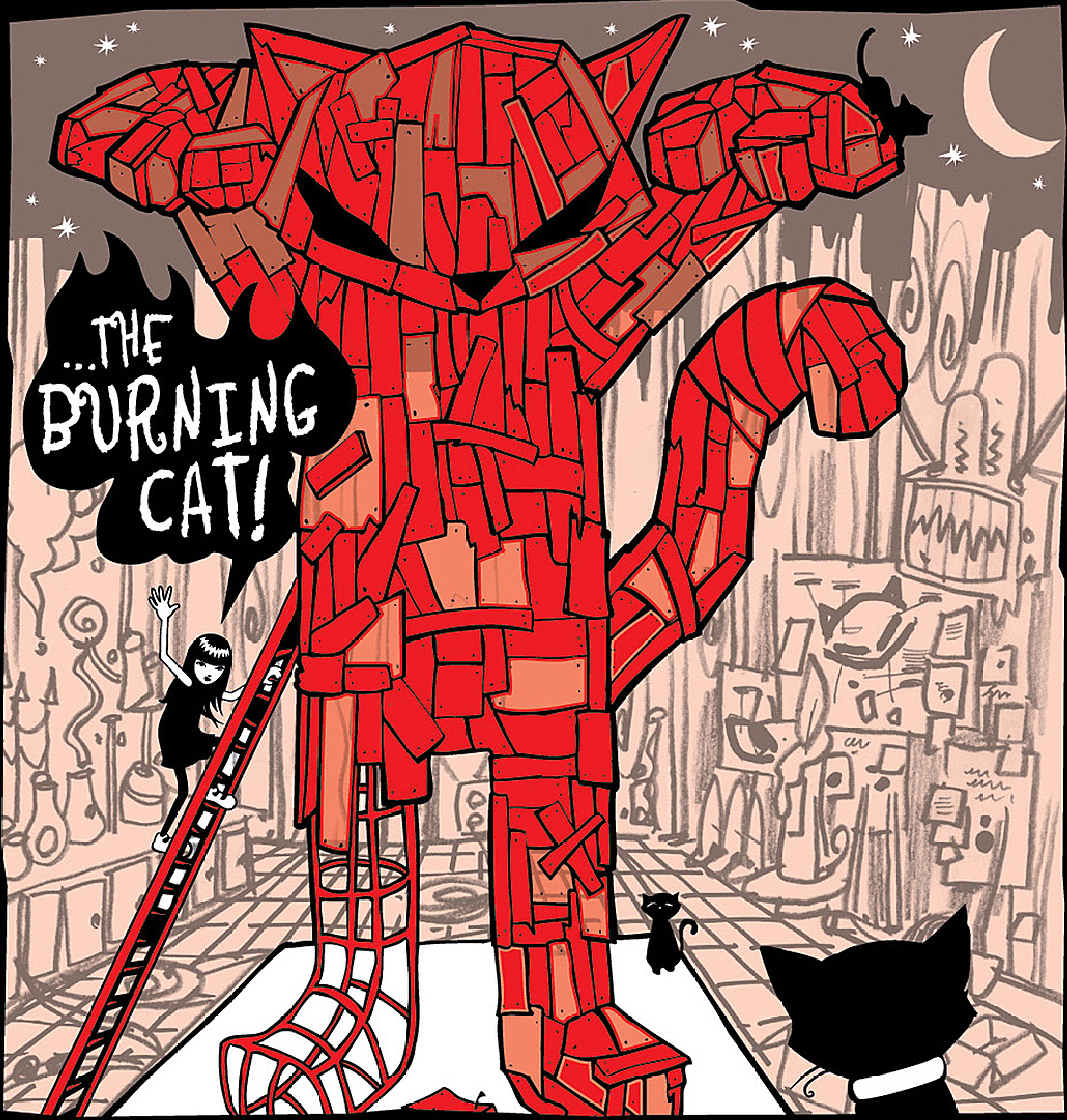

NOW APPROACHING
LONE STAR...
That was a little too easy.
CRASH!
LONE STAR
Finally got those Morons off our tail. Let's make sure we're alone!

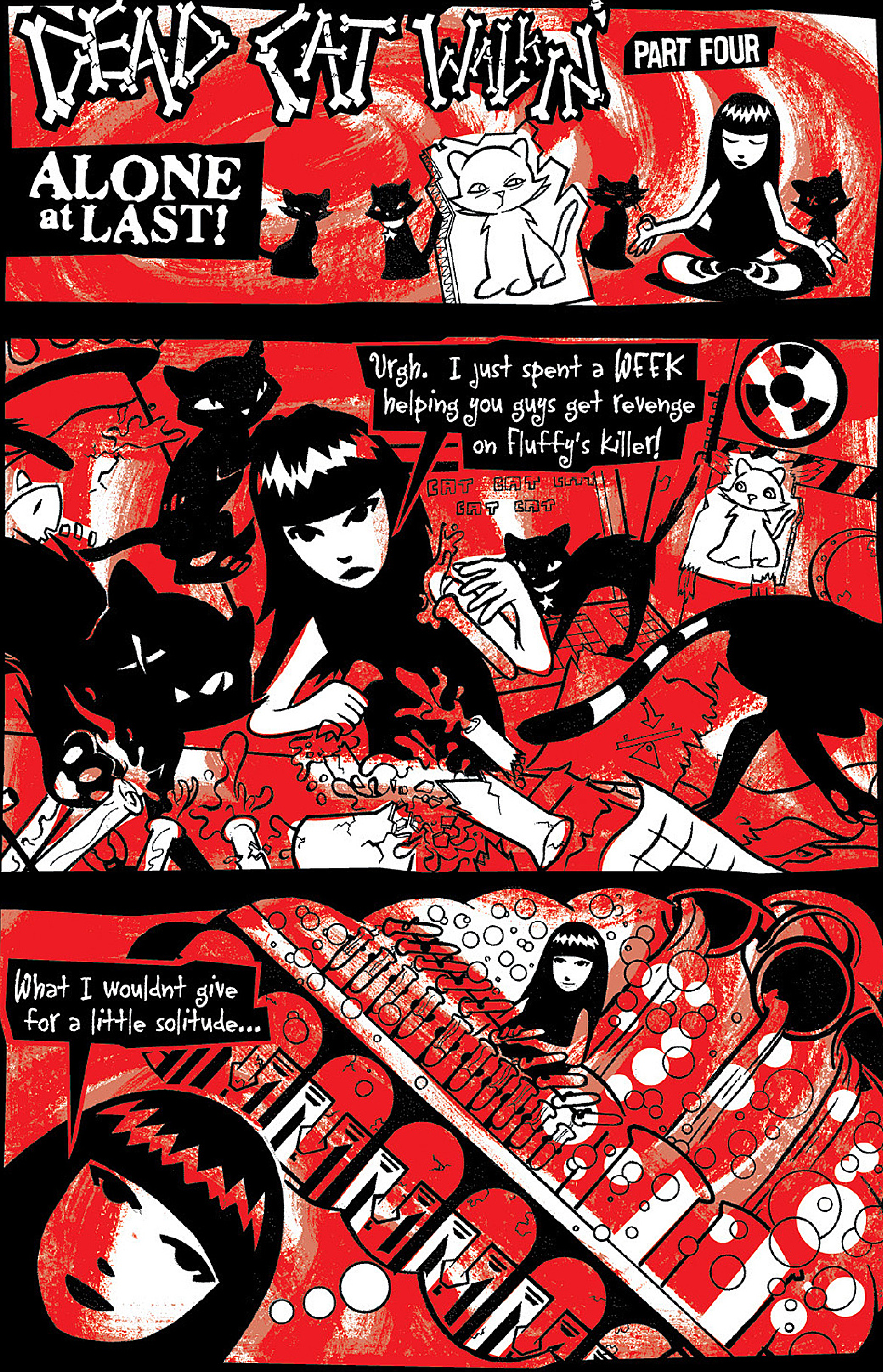

Everybody quiet! Do you hear--
turd
Come on, little doggies, to this fine Texas loam!
Here in the heartland, you're never alone!
Whether in public, or your own private home –
Did you just say Texas...?
YUCK!
'Course I did, little filly. Where'd y'all think this was – outer space?
Duh!
I finally get it loud and clear: If you really want to be alone, there's no actual place to go to – not a galaxy or planet or state – because...
...ALONELINESS is a STATE of MIND!!
LONE STAR
END!

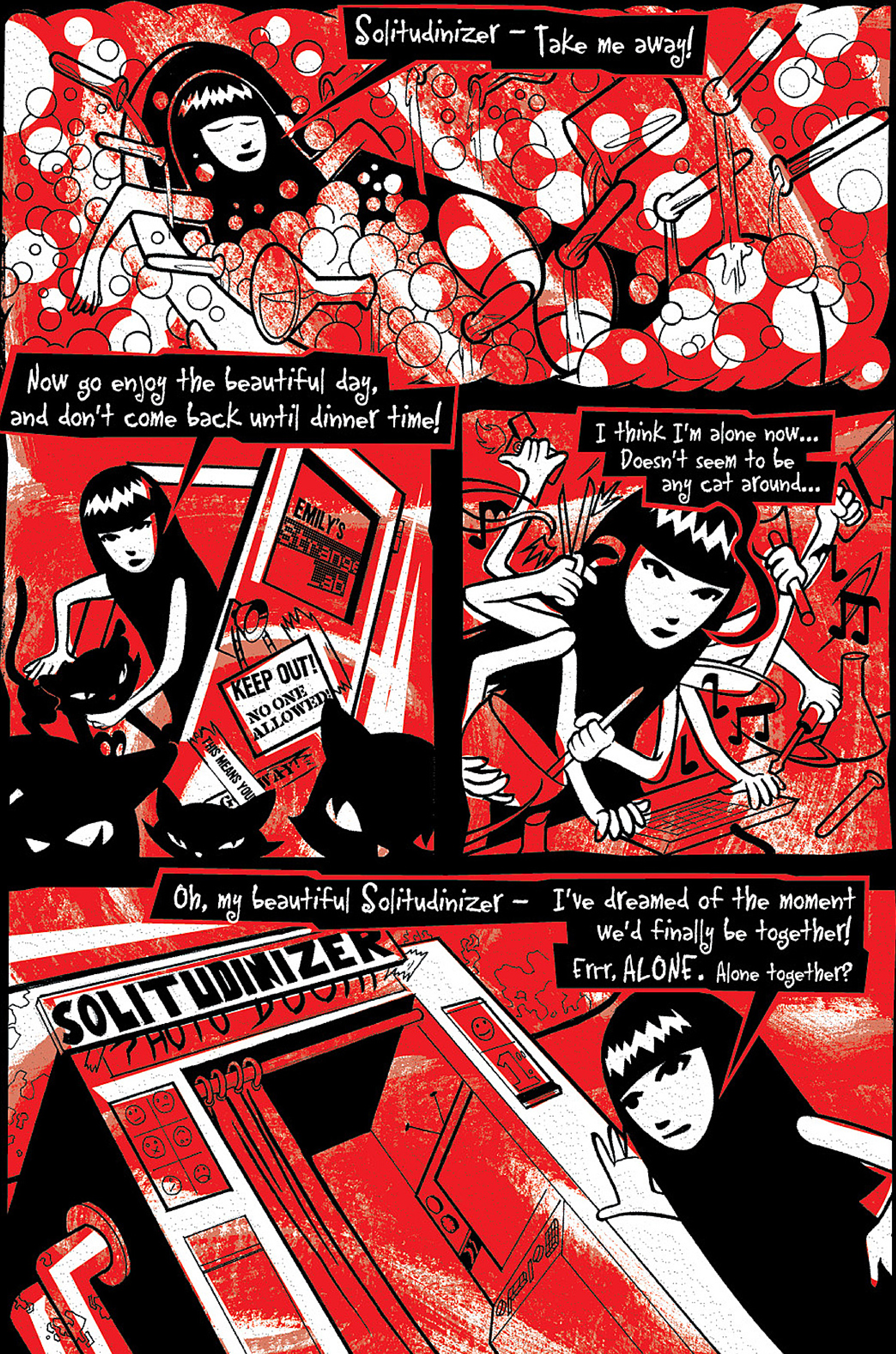

the Alone Stranger
DEATH VALLEY.
The last frontier of the once-wild West.
It is by nature a quiet and desolate place,
populated only by the most solitary of creatures.
Among its frequent visitors is the one known as
THE ALONE STRANGER,
who is recognized by her famous call...
Where did all these people come from?
DEATH VALLEY POP PRINCESS FEST
The Alone Stranger! A fearless rider on a mighty steed!
The Alone Stranger! With a cloud of dust and a mighty...
SHUT UP! This is my story!
DEATH VALLEY POP PRINCESS FEST
Where to from here?
EL MAP OF THE WEST
California
Nevada
Bryce Canyon
Dentist Convention
Utah
Grand Canyon
Canyon Cuties Pageant
widow rock rave
Death Valley
Pop princess fest WTF?!
Arizona
HI HO SPLINTER, LET'S GO AWAY!!

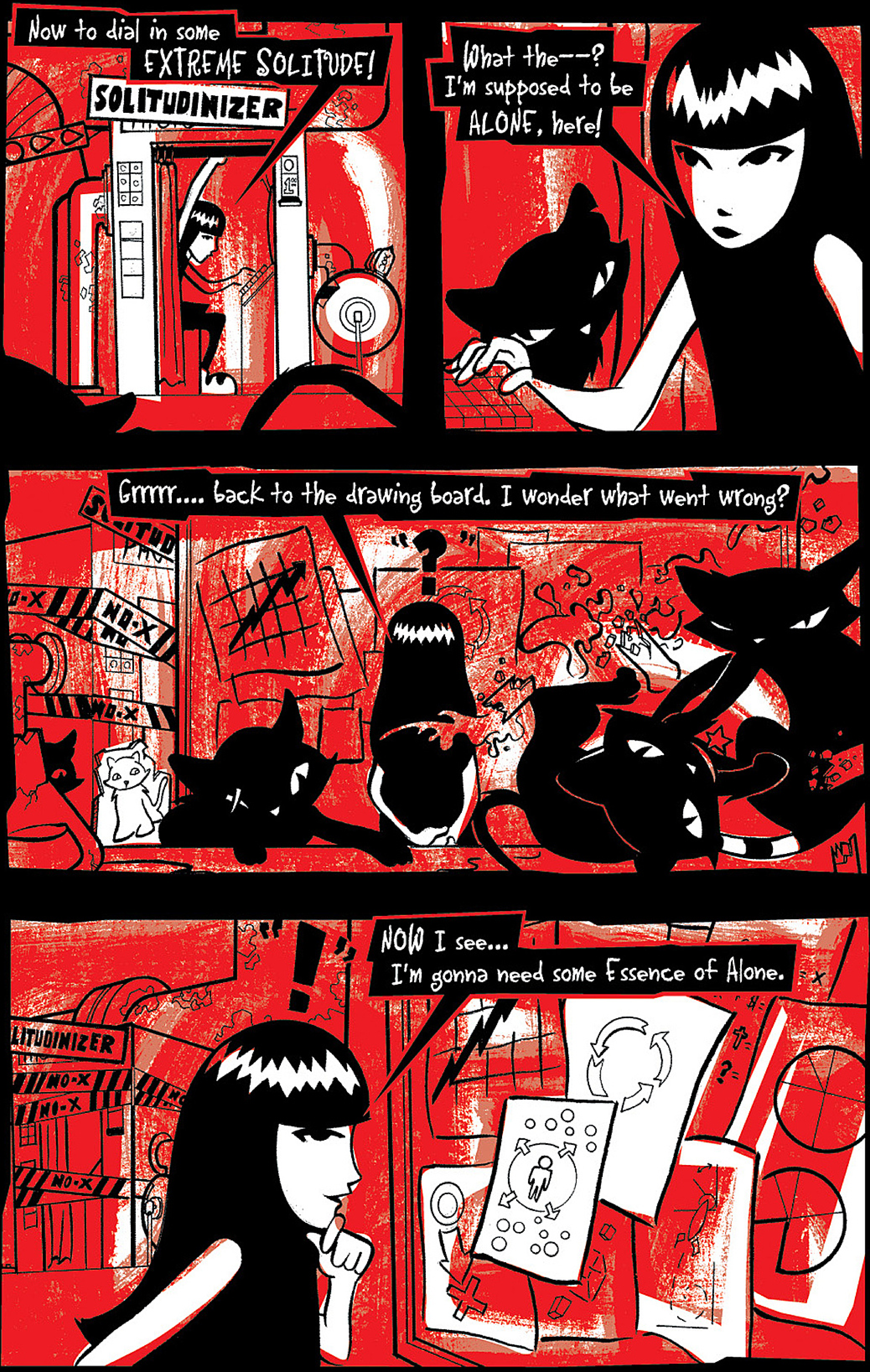

The weekend...
There are thousands of people here!
Exactly! And now they're all in one place.
HI HO SPLINTER, LET'S GO AWAY!!

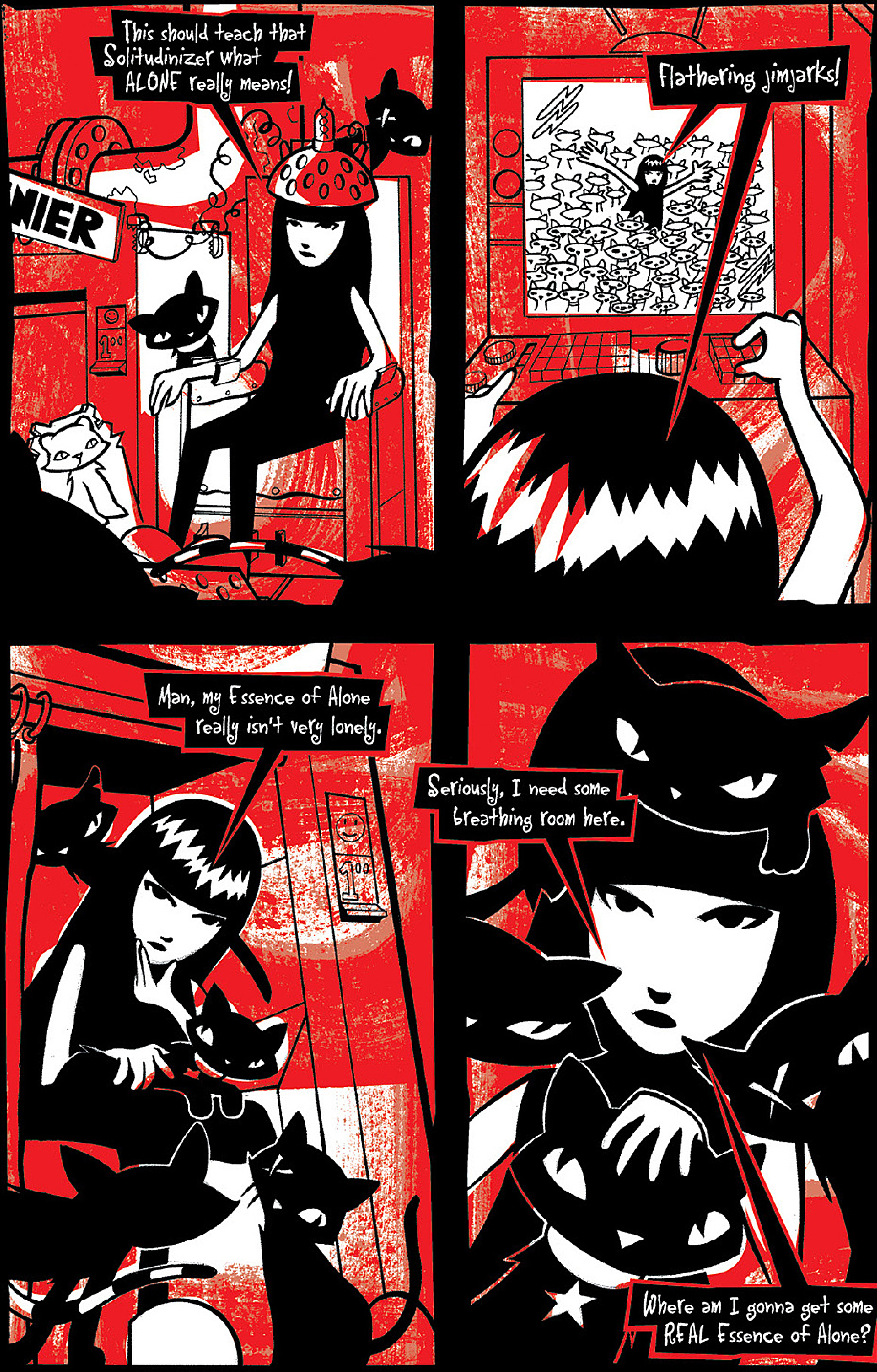

Later...
Okay, Miles, you distribute the fliers. Sabbath, get the tickets printed. NeeChee, make sure the land use permit is in order,
...and Mystery and I will finish building...

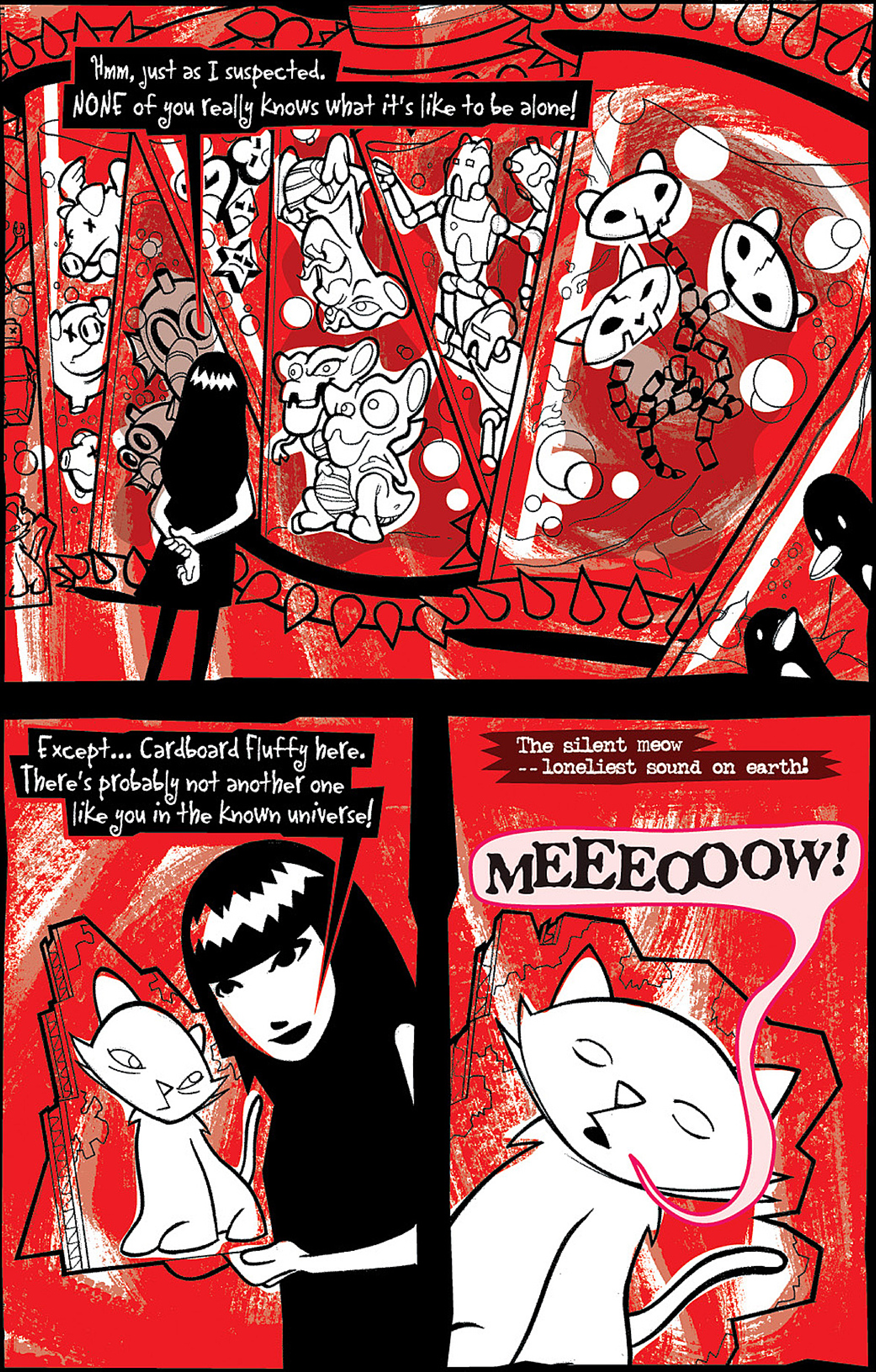

...THE BURNING CAT!

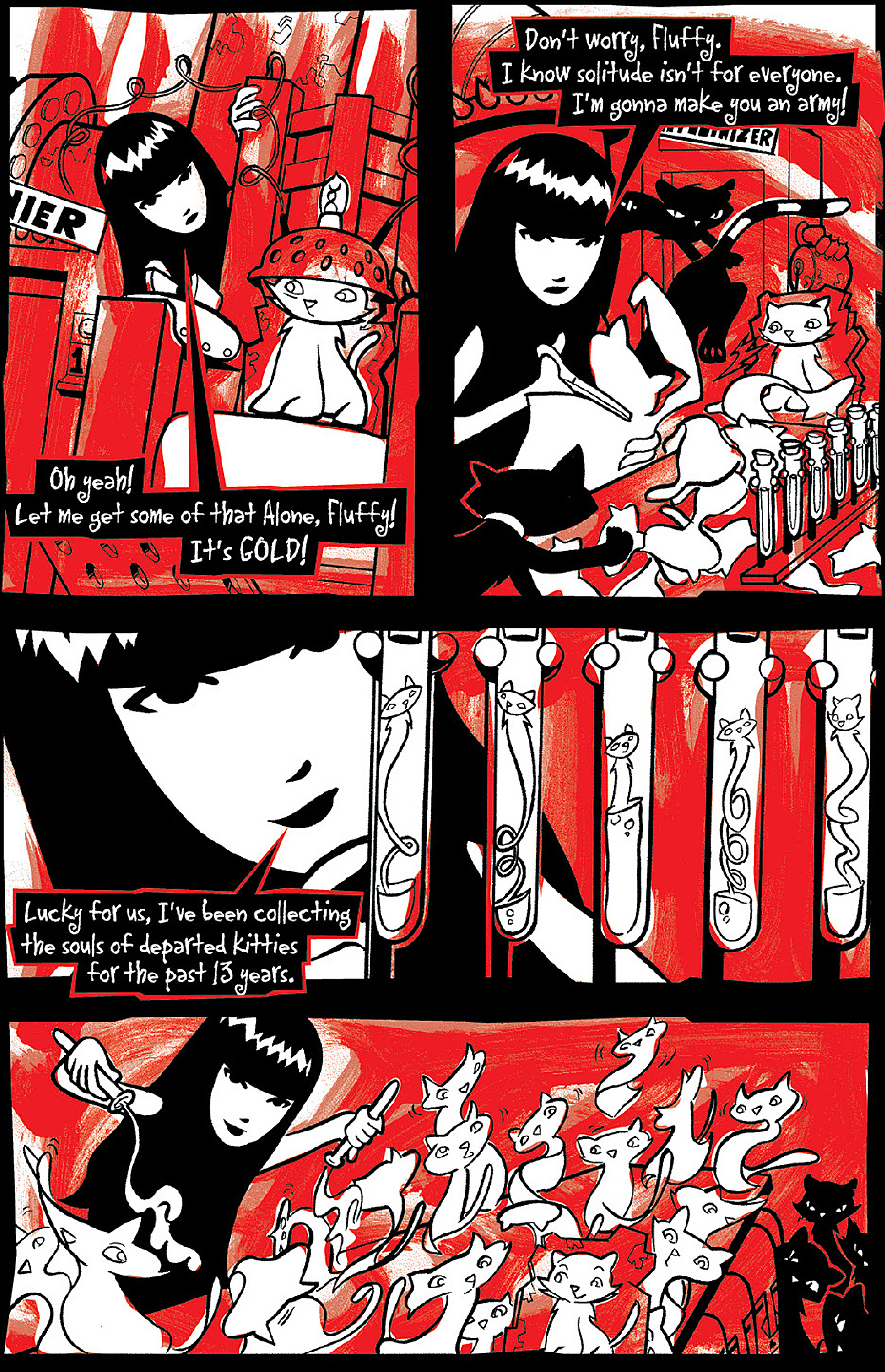

DEAD CAT WALKIN'
PART FOUR
ALONE at LAST!
Urgh. I just spent a WEEK helping you guys get revenge on Fluffy's killer!
CAT CAT CAT CAT CAT
What I wouldnt give for a little solitude...

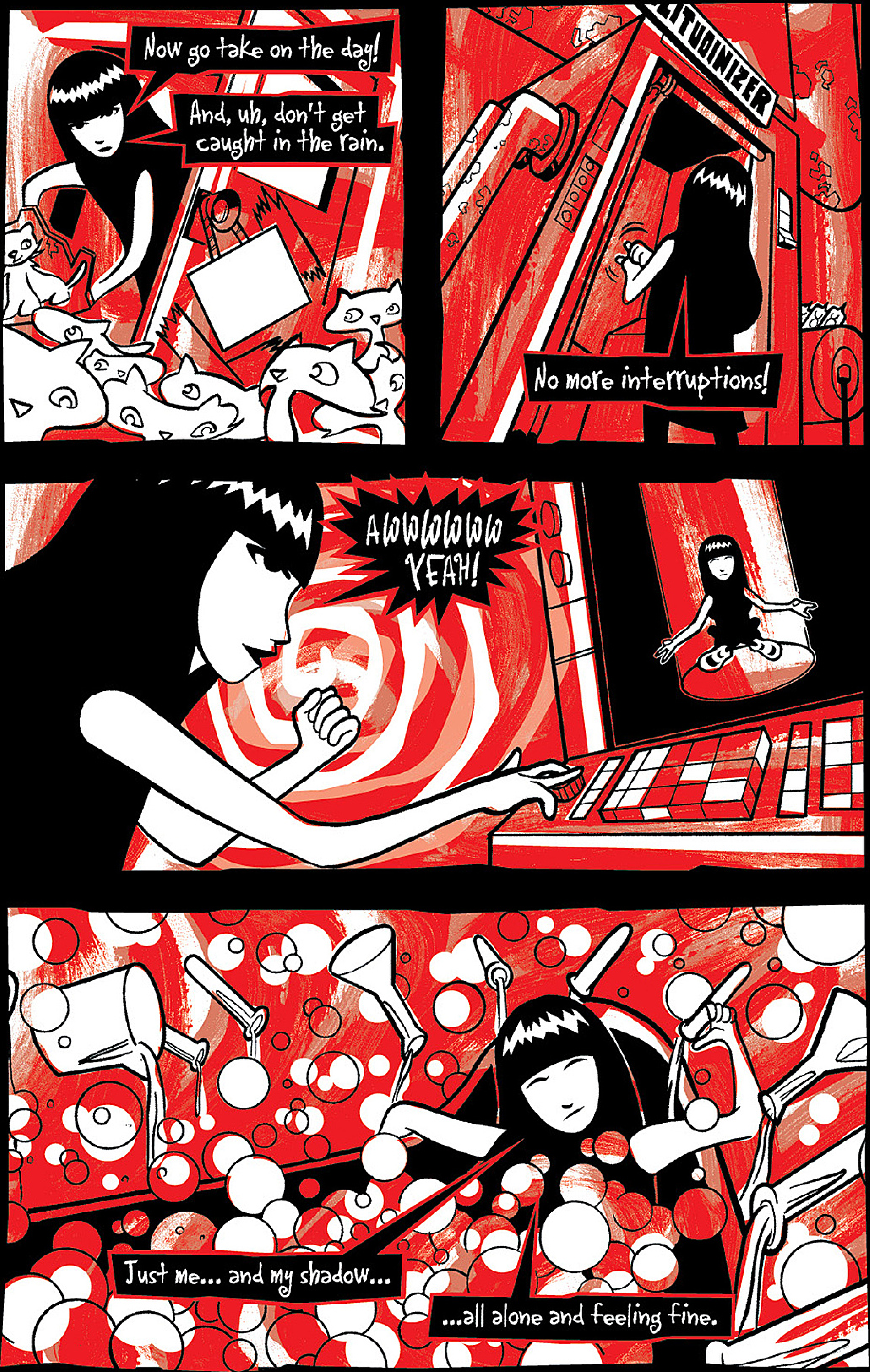

Solitudinizer – Take me away!
Now go enjoy the beautiful day, and don't come back until dinner time!
EMILY'S
KEEP OUT! NO ONE ALLOWED!
THIS MEANS YOU
WAY!
I think I'm alone now... Doesn't seem to be any cat around...
Oh, my beautiful Solitudinizer – I've dreamed of the moment we'd finally be together! Errr, ALONE. Alone together?
SOLITUDINIZER
PHOTO BOOTH

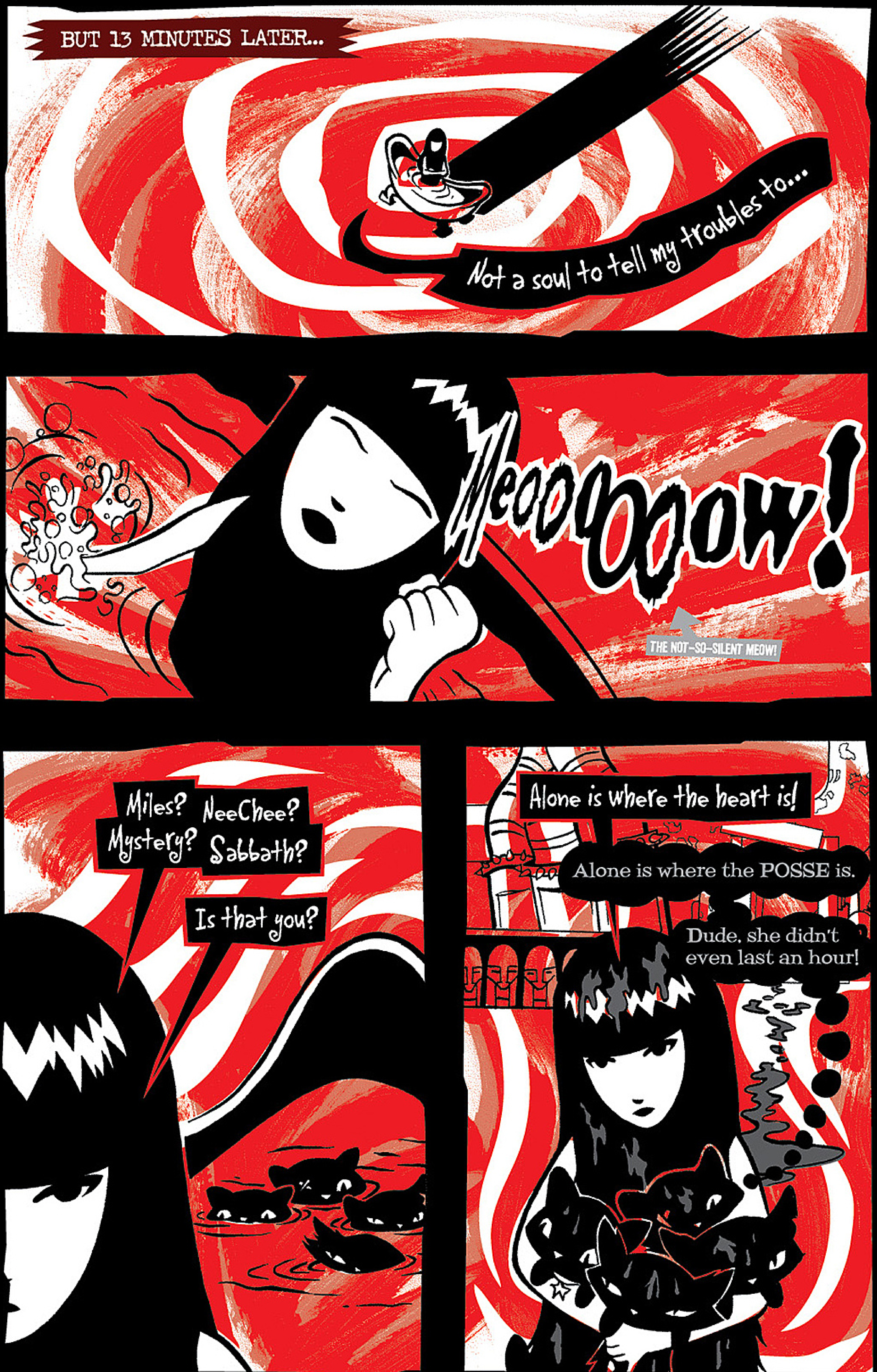

Now to dial in some EXTREME SOLITUDE!
SOLITUDINIZER
What the--? I'm supposed to be ALONE, here!
Grrrrr.... back to the drawing board. I wonder what went wrong?
NO-X
NO-X
NO-X
"?"
"!"
NOW I see... I'm gonna need some Essence of Alone.
LITUDINIZER
NO-X
NO-X
NO-X


This should teach that Solitudinizer what ALONE really means!
WIER
1.00
Flathering jimjarks!
Man, my Essence of Alone really isn't very lonely.
1.00
Seriously, I need some breathing room here.
Where am I gonna get some REAL Essence of Alone?


Hmm, just as I suspected.
NONE of you really knows what it's like to be alone!
Except... Cardboard Fluffy here. There's probably not another one like you in the known universe!
The silent meow -- loneliest sound on earth!
MEEEOOOW!


IER
Oh yeah! Let me get some of that Alone, Fluffy! It's GOLD!
Don't worry, Fluffy. I know solitude isn't for everyone. I'm gonna make you an army!
IZER
Lucky for us, I've been collecting the souls of departed kitties for the past 13 years.


Now go take on the day!
And, uh, don't get caught in the rain.
LTUONIZER
No more interruptions!
AWWWWWWW YEAH!
Just me... and my shadow...
...all alone and feeling fine.


BUT 13 MINUTES LATER...
Not a soul to tell my troubles to...
MEOOOOOOOW!
THE NOT-SO-SILENT MEOW!
Miles? NeeChee? Mystery? Sabbath?
Is that you?
Alone is where the heart is!
Alone is where the POSSE is.
Dude, she didn't even last an hour!

TRIP OUT #8 by Fawn Gehweiler

The strangest girl in the world
is in search of the solace of solitude.

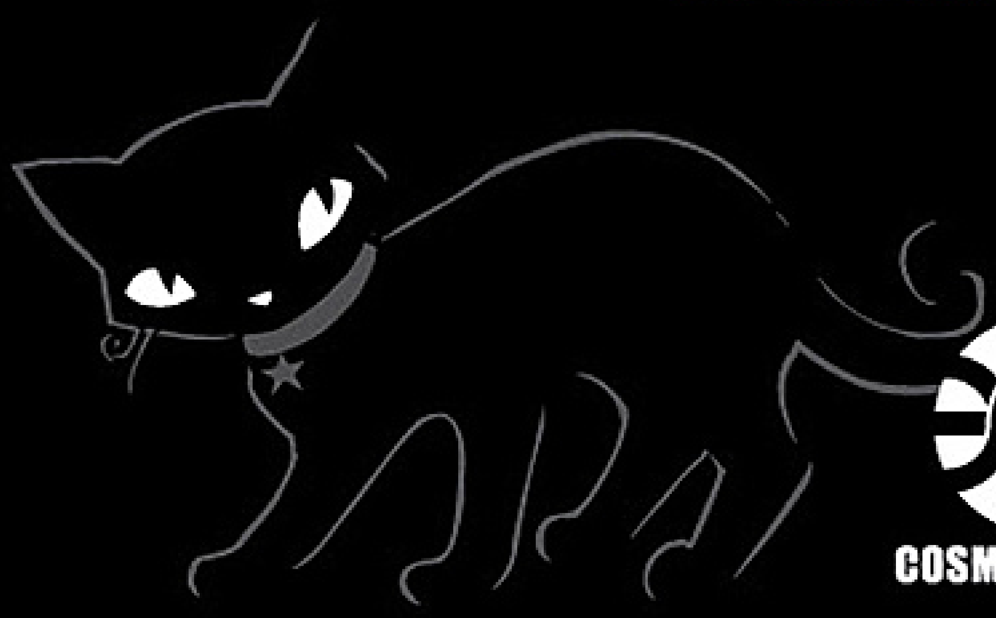
ALONE

Be alone with Emily
as she tries to find
her place in the world.

That is, a place that's free
from you, me, and everyone else!

Emily goes to the ends of earth
- even the universe! -
to get away from it all in this issue.

And don't miss the awesome
Trip Out from artist
Fawn Gehweiler!



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